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Osaami dashes to Algiers

## Negotiations with hijackers stalled

ALGIERS, April 13, (Agencies): Muslim fundamentalist hijackers holding 32 hostages aboard a Kuwait Airways jetliner allowed two Algerian government officials inside the aircraft today and pledged not to harm the captives but the drama seemed locked in a stalemate.

Algerian Interior Minister El Hadi Khediri wrangled with the masked gunmen for 30 minutes aboard the Boeing 747 at Houari Boumediene International Airport on a palm-fringed runway in front of the Djura mountains. He stepped inside the blue and white airplane shortly before 8 am (0700 GMT) — five hours after the aircraft arrived from Cyprus where the hijackers traded 12 hostages for fuel.

### Confident

"They told me they would try in Algiers to be very calm and use no violence," Khediri said. Then he met with Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saoud Al Osaami, who flew into the airport today at the head of an eight-man delegation to join the negotiations.

Khediri said the hijackers had promised to try to avoid harming their remaining hostages but described them as determined to pursue their demand.

Al Osaami seemed optimistic. "I am confident for a happy ending in Algiers," he said.

"My aim is to supervise the affair. I would like to thank Algeria for its very broad friendship. I hope this will be the last stage," Osaami told reporters.

He said Kuwait had great confidence in the Algerians.

**In an optimistic note,** Algiers Radio said late tonight negotiators made progress in talks with the hijackers and a peaceful solution to the nine-day crisis could be imminent.

In a report from Algiers airport the state radio said the drama could be over within hours.

Algerian diplomats declined to comment on how the talks with the Kuwaitis had gone.

Two PLO officials who played a crucial role in negotiations which led to the release of 12 passengers left Cyprus for Algiers today, Arab Times reporter Jadranka Porter quoted a reliable source in Cyprus as saying.

### Signal

They are Milad Abdu and Samir Abu Ghazala.

Their presence in Algiers was requested by the hijackers of Boeing 747.

The PLO chairman Yasser

Arafat is believed to have given a green signal to the two mediators to set sail for Algiers where they are expected to arrive at midnight.

Meanwhile Kuwaiti newspapers quoted Arafat as saying he doubted Algeria would be the last stop for the captive Kuwaiti Airways jet.

"I don't think this operation will come to an end in Algiers," Arafat said according to a Kuwaiti daily.

In an interview with Cable Network News, Arafat blamed Iran for the hijacking. When asked who was involved, Arafat said: "Some of them are Lebanese. Some of them belong to the Iranian government."

According to my best information, they (the Iranians) are behind the whole operation," Arafat said in a telephone interview from North Yemen.

**Connection**

The PLO was involved in negotiations to try to end the crisis.

But in Brussels, a senior Iranian Foreign Ministry official today denied any link between Tehran and those responsible for the hijack.

"We categorically deny having any connection to this incident," said Ali Ahani,

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## Kuwait will not yield, reiterates Sheikh Nawaf

KUWAIT has reiterated its refusal to swap 17 Arab prisoners held in Kuwaiti jails for hostages on a hijacked Kuwaiti airliner now in Algiers.

Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Sabah said: "We will never change our position toward our principles and our faith in them ... our position is firm."

Arab gunmen are still holding 32 passengers of a Boeing 747 hijacked on April 5. They have killed two Kuwaitis to press demands for the release of the 17.

Speaking to newsmen following the graduation ceremony of a new batch of conscript cadets, Sheikh Nawaf said: "Kuwait will not cave in, and will not change its attitude towards blackmail ... Our position as stated by officials was made by the Kuwaiti people and not the Kuwaiti government alone."

Sheikh Nawaf praised the performance of Kuwaiti soldiers.

Addressing the graduates,

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Free at last: passengers disembarking

## One hijacker identified

By Lima Khalafawi

ONE of the freed passengers, Ramadan Mohammad Atteya identified one of the hijackers as "Lebanese."

On arrival in Kuwait last night he said: "One of them was frequently called Jameel."

Atteya, who said he was beaten cruelly by the hijackers, looked exhausted but rested like the other eleven.

The hijackers took hostages to the front of the plane for interrogation, he said.

### Sight

Khaled Ayoub Ismail Ayoub Bandar, who was one of the two passengers killed, had been repeatedly taken for interrogation, Atteya revealed. At one point, Khaled became irritated, he added. That was the last time the other hostages saw Khaled alive. Atteya claimed that the hijackers used silencer guns to kill the hostages.

Atteya said he was handcuffed, and like other passengers, asked to lower his head on his knees. "They were very organised and never left sight of the

hijackers."

Another released hostage, Adnan Rashed said the hijackers were tough.

AP adds: Rashed said yesterday in Larnaca an additional gunman had boarded the plane after it landed in Mashhad, Iran.

Rashed, a Kuwaiti in his 60s, said the hijackers "were six but in Mashhad they became seven."

### Claims

If correct, that would appear to add weight to claims in Kuwaiti news reports that at least one additional hijacker joined the plane in Mashhad.

"They changed the crew, you know, their team," passenger Ramadan Mohammad Atteya, told NBC-TV's "Today" show. "One of them left ... and another two guys came over ... and they provided them with new weapons ... and bombs ... and ropes ... and explosives."

Meanwhile, another passenger, Mohammed Ashkanani, told a Kuwaiti daily he had noticed two hijackers board the plane in Mashhad to join six already there.

In a separate, unsourced report the daily said that the hijackers' leader was believed to be Imad Fayed Mugniya, a

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## State funeral for slain passengers

THE two Kuwaiti passengers who were killed by the hijackers of the Kuwaiti jet will be buried this morning. The state funeral will be attended by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla and top government officials.

The flag-draped coffins of the two Kuwaitis were brought to Kuwait yesterday. The coffins were lowered from the cargo hold of a Kuwait Airways Boeing 727 in a brief ceremony attended by relaid and interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

"The two martyrs, Abdullah Mohammadi Habbab Shebib Al Khalidi and Khaled Ayoub Ismail Ayoub Bandar, who were assassinated by the sin of hand of terrorism will be laid to rest at the Sulaibikhat cemetery," said a statement issued by the office of the Crown Prince.

The funeral, at 8:30 am will also be attended by Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, ministers and senior officials, the statement said.

"May Allah have mercy on our righteous martyrs and make paradise their abode with the faithful and righteous, and may Allah bless our dear nation and grant us all patience and strength," said the statement.

The statement quoted the Quranic verse: "Think not of those who are slain in God's will as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord."

Kuwait Airways spokesman Abdulrahman Nafisi told reporters the airline would compensate families of the dead in accordance with international law.

IN an effort to end the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner, a number of telephone contacts were made today between HH the Amir and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad, Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi, Lebanese President Amine Gemayel and King Hussein of Jordan.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah phoned HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla to renew his country's condemnation of the hijacking.

After the plane left, government spokesman Akis Fantis denied there had been any compromise and said the foremost

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## 12 freed hostages return to emotional welcome

By Fathima Ahmed and Jadranka Porter

TWELVE hostages — exhausted but cheerful — arrived in Kuwait last night to an emotional reunion with their families.

If there were any tears they were tears of joy as the 12 hostages disembarked from a special KAC jet at the VIP lounge at the Kuwait Airport. Family members rushed to greet them with hugs and blessings.

Fifty-five minutes after the plane landed at 7:15 pm waiting had still not ended for the crowd of relatives and families of the 12 passengers who were released by the hijackers of the KAC aircraft in Larnaca, Cyprus, on Tuesday night.

Will Ramadhan (Mohammad Atteya) need an ambulance to take him home or to the hospital," asked his anxious sister-in-law, who had been waiting near the VIP lounge gate since 5 pm yesterday.

### Security

The 12 hostages — four Kuwaitis, five Egyptians, and three Jordanians, one of them a Palestinian holding a Jordanian passport, arrived amid tight security. They were met at the airport by Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sahah and the American and Egyptian ambassadors and diplomats from the embassies of Egypt and Jordan.

Reporters were allowed only a brief glimpse of the passengers as they were immediately whisked into the lounge to meet the minister and envoys.

Only one male member from each family was allowed to enter the VIP lounge at Kuwait Airport. The rest of the family members and relatives waited for the passengers near the VIP lounge gate.

Said one member of Habib and Saleh Malak's family: "Now, we can sleep in peace." Apparently, they kept night vigils monitoring news from newspapers about the fate of the two brothers who were aboard the plane.

### Prevent

Kuwait Airways public relations director Abdullah Nafisi told reporters the airline was studying plans to deploy sky marshals on some flights in prevent future hijackings. Flights to non-Arab Asian destinations have been suspended, pending reassessment of security arrangements.

Minister of State for Communications Issa Mohammad Al Maziadi returned with the freed hostages. Some members of the Kuwait delegations negotiating with the hijackers in Cyprus also returned home.

Jadranka Porter adds from Larnaca: the eight day ordeal may have left the 12 physically fit but perhaps scarred them psychologically.

Speaking to the Arab Times in the VIP lounge at Larnaca Airport before their departure they said they did not have a wick of sleep during their first night of freedom.

"We cannot eat and sleep and we are still worried about our fellow-passengers" said one passenger.

Some of the freed hostages still had an empty look on their faces and did not shave 18 hours after they had got off the aircraft. Few looked chirpy, among them Hala Fared, a Jordanian KAC steward whose wife is expecting to deliver a baby within the next 24 hours.

Dr. Sabah Hadeedi of Amiri Hospital who accompanied the passengers home said one passenger

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## Cyprus handled crisis skilfully

NICOSIA, April 13, (Agencies): The killer hijackers left Cyprus after apparently facing down the government, but diplomats said it was still too early to praise or blame the Cypriots.

On a crude count, five days of negotiations at Larnaca airport produced the murder of two hostages, the release of 12 and the refuelling which the hijackers had demanded throughout.

Cyprus, which allowed the plane to land with nearly empty tanks after it spent four hours circling Beirut airport, first insisted that the hijackers could fly only if they released all their hostages.

But when the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 left for Algiers today the gunmen still had an estimated 32 captives.

Cyprus said it approved the deal after assurance from Algeria that the hostages would be released there.

### Decision

Diplomats said the wisdom of the Cypriot decision could only be judged if this was achieved quickly.

After the plane left, government spokesman Akis Fantis denied there had been any compromise and said the foremost

concern had been the well-being of the passengers and crew.

He said Cyprus had never considered storming the plane, which the hijackers said was wired to explode.

Instead, with the help of the PLO, Cypriot authorities doggedly pursued negotiations and stalling tactics.

They first met the gunmen's demand for fuel with such excuses as the difficulty of obtaining supplies over the Greek Orthodox Easter weekend.

### Carnage

The hijackers responded by dumping one dead hostage on the tarmac on Saturday and another on Monday. On Tuesday they said they were ready for death.

Political sources said the Cypriot government had few choices if it believed the gunmen's threats, backed as they were by the two Kuwaiti corpses in the mortuary.

They said Cyprus had no special force with experience in storming aircraft and they also cited the carnage resulting from the last attempt to storm a

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## Gaza woman dies of tear gas

TEL AVIV, April 13, (Reuter): A 70-year-old Palestinian woman died today after inhaling tear gas in a clash with troops in the occupied Gaza Strip.

The woman's death raised the death toll to at least 141 Palestinians and two Israelis in the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip which began in December.

Shifa Hospital in Gaza said the woman was overcome by tear gas at a refugee camp. She was the second Palestinian in two days to die after inhaling tear gas.

### Protest

The Army said a 21-year-old boy was overcome by tear gas at Shati camp in the Gaza Strip yesterday during a protest against the expulsion on Monday of eight Palestinians to Lebanon for anti-Israeli activity.

In Vienna, the director of

health of the UN Relief and Works Agency charged that Israel had used highly toxic gases against protesters in Gaza, causing at least two deaths and several miscarriages. A military official denied the charge.

A 15-year-old boy from Jabalya was shot in the side, and several people were wounded by beatings and rubber bullets in the protests. Shifa hospital said.

### Sweat

The Army arrested about 50 Palestinians suspected of incitement in an early morning sweep on the West Bank village of Salfit, security sources said. A curfew was imposed on the village during the raid and later removed.

Violence continued during the night in the West Bank. An Israeli soldier and two Palestinians were slightly wounded in a clash at Kafr Taluz when demonstrators threw stones at an Army bus, the Army said. It did not say how the Palestinians were injured

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Foreign Ministry director for Political, Economic and Cultural Relations with Western Europe.

The blue and white jet, which the gunmen had called the "Plane of Martyrdom," landed in Algiers at 3:07 am today (0307 GMT) after sitting for five days in the Larnaca airport.

Asked if the hijackers still planned to kill hostages as they have threatened, Khediri said: "I cannot answer this question because doing so would complicate my efforts and could even compromise them." They had seen five or six hijackers, but did not know the exact number. He was told there were 32 passengers.

He said the passengers were in good condition. The hijackers are armed with grenades and guns.

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## Visit

A second Interior Ministry official who was not further identified boarded the plane at around 4 pm (1500 GMT) and stayed for 25 minutes. Reporters watching with binoculars said it definitely was not Khediri, however.

Algerian mediators made a

third visit to the airliner after the hijackers radioed the control tower to say: "We want a dialogue."

The official Algerian news agency APS said the third visit came at 1830 GMT when a "member of the Algerian team helping in negotiations" at the scene boarded the airliner.

The agency did not identify the man and did not say what progress, if any, was being made to end the hijacking.

## Strain

Nearly 15 hours after the plane landed none of the hostages on board had been released. It was not clear what was stalling the negotiations — whether there were differences between the hijackers and the Algerians, or between the Algerians and the Kuwaitis. But some diplomatic sources just blamed the usually slow-moving pace of diplomacy in the Arab world.

The plane began to show signs of strain as the ordeal wore on. The air-conditioning system broke down and had to be repaired. The galley's were empty and takeaway food was hauled into the cockpit on ropes made of napkins.

The gunmen caused a stir at one point among exhausted television cameramen by unceremoniously dumping half-a-dozen bundles out of the win-

dow. But this time they were not corpses but trash that had accumulated during the nine day odyssey through the skies of the Middle East.

The hijackers, meanwhile, opened a cockpit window and draped a green-and-red flag over the aircraft's windshield in an apparent effort to block out the scorching sun.

They demanded water to top up the plane's air-conditioning system and a water pipe was brought up to the plane by ground crews. The APS said kerosene fuel was also provided to keep the cooling system going.

Algerian security, noticeably light around the palm-fringed airfield, also appeared on edge. At one point, a police van roared across the tarmac to block the path of a mechanic who was approaching the aircraft.

## Open

The plane was parked in the open on the tarmac at the airport, where temperatures before noon reached 24 degrees Centigrade (75 Fahrenheit). Officials said it would be much hotter inside the aircraft.

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ALGIERS, April 13. (Reuters): The man negotiating with hijackers of a Kuwaiti airliner at Algiers airport is a veteran troubleshooter whose successes have included a vital role in the freeing of the American Tehran embassy hostages in 1981.

Interior Minister El Hadi Khediri has been a leading player in building Algeria's reputation as a key world mediator and an expert in ending major international crises.

Khediri has helped to mediate in Arab crises, building on Algeria's policy of non-alignment and neutrality in the Gulf war between Iran and Iraq.

He took part in negotiations during the 1985 hijacking of a Transworld Airlines (TWA) Boeing by two Lebanese Shiite Muslim gunmen, in which one US passenger was killed, and has played a prominent part in Algerian mediation efforts for Western "hostages" held in Lebanon.

## Closest

A technocrat, he is one of the closest associates of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid. One diplomat described him as always cool and calm, a really unflappable personality in any crisis.

As the latest hijacking began to unfold in Iran and Cyprus, sources close to Chadli declined to say whether Algeria was ready to mediate but diplomats based in the Algers said there could be little doubt it was already heavily involved.

"Don't let them fool you, they will be in there somewhere. They always are. That's what they are good at. They are highly skilled negotiators and have a habit of inserting their diplomats everywhere," one Western diplomat said.

The government has cultivated its non-aligned image in world forums and is proud to be one of the few countries acceptable to virtually every side.

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hijacked jet at Larnaca.

In 1978, Egyptian troops sent by the then President Anwar Sadat were involved in a bloody runway shoot-out with Cypriot National Guardsmen. Fifteen Egyptians were killed.

A government source said the hijackers agreed to the deal on the understanding they would be allowed to disappear quietly in Algeria after releasing their captives.

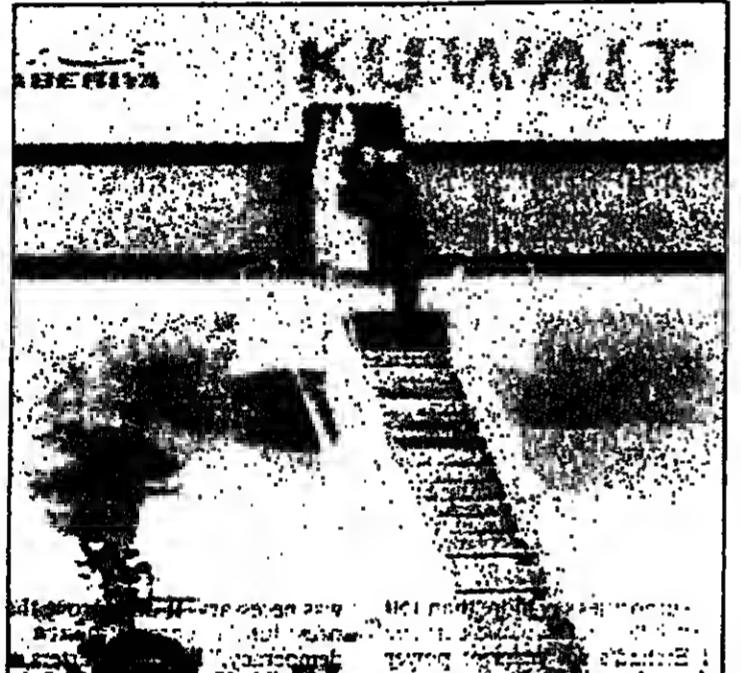
The hijackers, allowed to keep some hostages as insurance, would at least temporarily put in abeyance their demand that Kuwait release 17 jailed Arab militants.

Kuwait, which had previously criticised Iran for allowing the hijackers more fuel, expressed satisfaction with the Cypriot's handling of the crisis.

## Proud

The Cypriot government said today it had allowed the hijacked Kuwaiti jumbo jet to land at Larnaca international airport on Friday night "for purely humanitarian reasons" and that all its steps were aimed at saving the lives of the hostages on board the airliner, the Cypriot news agency reported.

In a statement Fantis said the government expressed deep regret over the killing of two hostages by the hijackers at Larnaca.



Algerian negotiator El Hadi Khediri talks with hijackers on a Kuwaiti airliner which landed in Algiers yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

More recently Algeria has been used as a channel to Iran — with whom it has full diplomatic relations — in efforts to negotiate a ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iraq, and it has also renewed efforts to free hostages held in Lebanon.

Diplomats in Paris say Algeria has played an active role on behalf of France in trying to release three French hostages in Lebanon, and negotiations were close to success when the Kuwaiti airliner was hijacked.

The hijackers eventually landed in Algiers after a five-day saga stretching half around the world. The remaining hostages were freed and the guerrillas driven away. Nothing has since been heard of them of the \$6 million ransom paid by Japan.

Khediri was appointed Interior Minister in June 1987 after serving as chief of state security for 10 years.



Ramedhan Mohammad shows his US passport in his Larnaca hospital room.

became a US citizen in 1978 but retained his Egyptian citizenship, kept quiet.

He said he had been living in the United States for the last eight months. The Cairo-born bachelor had been returning from a trip to Sydney when the hijack occurred.

He was among 12 passengers and crew released late last night in exchange for fuel to fly to Algiers.

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## Bahraini probe

MANAMA, April 13. (Kuna): Bahrain's Interior Ministry is trying to find out the actual nationalities of the hijackers of the Kuwaiti airliner.

Gulf News Agency last night quoted a source in the Bahraini Interior Ministry as saying that they believe that all hijackers are carrying forged passports.

Kuwait's Foreign Ministry official Darar Al Razuki told the Arah Times, barely an hour after the release of the 12, that there had been no deal.

But sources say that the PLO and Cyprus government hinted that an overall deal leading to the release of all hostages had been considered.

## Deal

Kuwait's Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Maziadi said Kuwait had not entered direct negotiations and that everything had been done through the government of Cyprus.

The Cypriot Minister of Interior Christo Veniamin, who himself was held hostage by militant Palestinians some 10 years ago, said an understanding rather than a deal had been reached.

The Cyprus government spokesman Akis Fanitis told reporters minutes after the hijacked plane took off from Larnaca airport that his government had received assurances from high ranking Algerian officials that all passengers would be released.

When reminded that Cyprus government's position was not to refuel the hijacked aircraft unless all passengers were released, Fanitis said: "That was yesterday. Besides I did not say they had to be released in Larnaca."

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LARNACA, Cyprus, April 13. (Reuters): "From all the crew and passengers, we thank you for your hospitality," the pilot of the hijacked Kuwaiti airliner radioed as it pulled steeply away from Larnaca today.

"We hope to see you again," Sobhi Naim Youssef ended, after five days on the tarmac at sunbaked Larnaca airport where hijackers shot dead two passengers and repeatedly reported beating hostages to press a demand for fuel.

There was no reply from Larnaca airport controllers. Enough had apparently been said.

## Control

The last radio exchanges between Larnaca control tower and flight KU 422 before it began the third leg of its hijack odyssey displayed its crew's professionalism and how much they had retained their self-respect throughout eight days of terror.

"What identification will you use on route?" asked Larnaca control at eight minutes past midnight (2108 GMT on Tuesday) as fuel was pumped into the Boeing 747 after 12 hostages were set free.

Only hours earlier, the gunmen ordered KU 422's call sign changed to "the plane of the great martyrs." But the hijackers returned use of the radio to the crew to prepare for the flight to Algiers.

"I think everybody knows about it — KU 422," replied the flight engineer. Controllers reverted to calling up Kuwait 422.

## Planes safer than cars

SOBHI Naim Youssef, the Iraqi pilot of flight KU 422 used to tell his family and passengers flying was safer than driving a car.

"It was like a proverb for him," said his daughter Jenny, 22, in a telephone interview. "He used to calm down people who went aboard the plane."

With her mother and two brothers, Jenny has been following the hijacking as the plane went first to Iran, then Cyprus and now Algeria.

They have been in touch with Youssef's daughter Nora, who is at school in London "day and night," she said.

## Track

In their home, two televisions and a radio have been on around the clock to keep track of the latest news. They read every available newspaper.

What is her father like? "He is a very cool person, very gentle. He's very caring," said Jenny.

About four days ago, the pilot radioed the operations room at Kuwait Airways, where Youssef's pilot son Laith works.

"He said, give my regards to Laith and the family," Jenny said. That is the only direct message she has received.

His wife Sonia, 46, said she has not heard his voice in monitored conversations between the plane and the control tower.

"I hear him at night when I sleep," she added.

Circling over Beirut on Friday, Youssef pleaded for the lives of those on board the plane as the hijackers threatened to force KU 422 to crash.

## Sewn back

COIMBRA, Portugal, April 13. (Reuters): Surgeons stitched back a 34-year-old gardener's penis after it was sliced off by a hedge trimmer, a hospital spokesman said today.

A Foreign Ministry official indicated that Jordan would welcome talks with either man. "Our doors are open," he said.



The father of one of the victims breaks down beside the coffin of his son (above). The coffin of another victim is being taken away from the plane (below). Sheikh Salem leads the pallbearers.



The hijacked Kuwait Airways jet arrives in Algiers on Wednesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Shevardnadze to visit Middle East

AMMAN, April 13. (Reuters): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will visit the Middle East soon, the Soviet Foreign Ministry said today.

A spokeswoman said he would come to the region, but gave no details of his itinerary.

The independent Al-Dustour newspaper quoted Soviet Ambassador Alexander Zinichuk as saying Shevardnadze would bring no specific new Middle East peace initiative with him.

A visit by Shevardnadze, the first to Jordan by a Soviet foreign minister, would follow an official visit to Moscow by King Hussein in December and would set the seal on a marked improvement in Soviet-Jordanian ties over the past few years.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Egypt condemns Israel

CAIRO, April 13. (AP): Egypt charged today that by deporting eight Palestinians this week, Israel committed an arbitrary act that violates international conventions.

"Egypt strongly condemns the expulsion by Israeli occupation authorities of eight Palestinians from their land," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement.

The Palestinians from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza were deported to Lebanon on Monday. Last January, the deportation of four West Bank Palestinians to Lebanon triggered a wave of international protests, including one from Egypt.

**Violation**  
Egypt is the only Arab country linked by peace treaty with the Jewish state.

The spokesman, who could not be named under Foreign Ministry rules, said: "It is truly regrettable that Israel should resort to such arbitrary measures eliciting worldwide condemnation. And this at a time when there is a growing need to create a suitable climate for efforts to reach a just and peaceful settlement in the region."

## Liz opens anti-AIDS campaign

TOKYO, April 13. (Reuter): Actress and anti-AIDS campaigner Elizabeth Taylor today called on Japan's business elite to open their hearts and wallets to help stop the killer disease.

Some 200 guests at a dinner she hosted, including many of the businessmen, who have helped make Japan one of the world's richest countries, were asked to contribute to a new fund for AIDS research.

Several have already pledged \$100,000 each, said one organizer.

Taylor, who is the chairwoman of the US Foundation for AIDS Research, called on Japan to give as much as possible to prevent the disease, which destroys the body's ability to fight infection.

"The people of the world look to Japan for leadership in so many areas," she said.

New York AIDS fund raiser Elizabeth Kummerfeld said the newly-established Japan Foundation for AIDS Research hopes to raise 400 million yen (\$ three million) before the end of the year.

"Japan has two kinds of wealth, economic and in medical research," Kummerfeld said. "It has the power to assume leadership in really eradicating AIDS."

In advance of Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan

## Rebels control key roads

ISLAMABAD, April 13. (UPI): Afghan mujahideen have gained control of several key roads in Afghanistan in advance of a Soviet withdrawal, frustrating troop movements by the Kabul government, Western diplomats said.

They said the guerrillas have had total or partial control this month over at least four main roads, including a long stretch between the city of Gardez and the besieged garrison town of Khost near the Pakistan border.

The Pakistan-based diplomats, who had weekly briefings on the grounds they not be identified, said that although the level of fighting in Afghanistan appeared lower and reflected a resolve on both sides of the bloody 8-year-old conflict to preserve ammunition, combat was reported in nearly a third of the nation's provinces.

The guerrillas, who were excluded from the UN-mediated Geneva peace negotiations between Pakistan and Afghanistan, have vowed to ignore the accord because they were excluded from the UN-sponsored Geneva peace talks and diplomats believe the rebels will try to overthrow the Afghan communist regime once the Soviets have departed.

In Moscow, Foreign Ministry spokesman Vudim Perelyev said the accord that calls for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

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More than 450 Soviet armored vehicles, ammunition trucks and tanks were seen on Monday

heading for Logar province just south of Kabul in response to recent rebel rocket attacks and roadside ambushes on Army convoys, the diplomats said.

They said the guerrillas have had total or partial control this month over at least four main roads, including a long stretch between the city of Gardez and the besieged garrison town of Khost near the Pakistan border.

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The agreement to be signed in Geneva prohibits Pakistan from either engaging in aggression against the pro-Soviet government in Kabul or intervening in Afghanistan's internal affairs.

The language is widely held to mean Pakistan will not continue to aid or supply the anti-communist rebels, the Tribune said.

But officials said Washington and Moscow reached the informal agreement outside the framework of the Geneva accord whereby each retains the right to supply arms to combatants.

"That's where it comes into the winking thing with the Soviets," an unidentified senior official told the Tribune. "We wink at them and they wink at us, and both of us can do what makes us happy."

## Sikh priest warns Rajiv government

## Shooting inside Golden Temple

TALWANDI SABO, India, April 13. (AP): Sikh militants fired into the air inside the Golden Temple at Amritsar today — a major Sikh holiday — and the temple's chief priest warned the government not to take action against the militant Sikh movement.

Jasbir Singh Rode told a gathering of 40,000 Sikhs in this Sikh holy city to the southern Punjabi state that "if police enter the Golden Temple, the foundation for a separate state will be laid."

Sikh extremists have been waging a bloody guerrilla war for an independent Sikh homeland since 1982. The entry of police or Army troops into the Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine, is considered a desecration.

The rally at the Damdama Sahib Temple in Talwandi Sabo was called to coincide with today's religious holiday.

## Philippines safe from coups'

MANILA, April 13. (Reuter): Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos' full-scale martial law combat alert as President Corazon Aquino's government was convinced the country would be safe from coup attempts when she leaves for China on Thursday.

The very fact that the President never even had a second thought about going to China means she's satisfied the military can hold the fort during her absence," press secretary

Teodoro Benigno told reporters today.

Aquino, who will also visit Hong Kong before she returns on Sunday, gave her ministers final instructions at a cabinet meeting today.

She assured the cabinet that maximum security had been undertaken to make sure the country remains safe and sound," Benigno said.

He said Aquino, who is making her first overseas trip for 18

months, would continue to rule the country by hotline telephone from China and was confident the military could repel any attack by rebel soldiers while she was away.

Armed forces chief General Renato De Villa, who placed the military on nationwide red alert at noon, held a separate meeting with troops and declared he could handle any armed threat. But he warned soldiers to be on

guard.

We reckon that some 50,000 people crossed the Bahr Al-Arab River on their way out of Bahr Al-Ghazal (province) since January," one official said.

Opposition leaders claim more than 1,000 people died.

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Lebanese schoolchildren, wearing white shirts, fly white pigeons at Beirut's Green Line to symbolise peace. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Four killed in Bangladesh poll violence

DHAKA, April 13. (Reuter):

Rival supporters in Bangladesh's rural elections killed at least four people as they fought with guns and bombs hours before President Hossain Mohammad Ershad lifted a state of emergency.

Police opened fire to disperse violent crowds in at least three polling stations and used tear gas and truncheons at others.

Two deaths were reported from northern Mymensingh district, one from Minshiganj near Dhaka, and another at Satkania in Chittagong district.

Authorities say more than 150 were killed in the worst carnage of Ershad's six years of power when the rural elections were originally held on Feb 10.

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Khandaker has already left for

France where he will ask for \$2.2

billion in aid for the year begin-

ning July.

"It would be ridiculous for

him (Eshad) to ask for money

while keeping his country under

subjugation," Hasina told

Reuters.

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military inquiry into the cause of

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## Israelis kill three commandos

TEL AVIV, April 13. (Reuter): Israeli troops shot dead three commandos trying to infiltrate Israel from Lebanon before dawn today, the Army said.

An Army patrol chased the three gunmen in Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon, the Army said. The Israelis suffered no casualties.

Weapons found on the slain commandos included M-16 rifles, shoulder-launched rockets and several hand grenades. The Army said the men intended to take hostages in Israel.

The incident occurred just north of the collective settlement of Kibbutz Dan near where three gunmen were killed last week in another attempt to infiltrate Israel.

Israel and an Israeli-backed Lebanese militia patrol southern Lebanon in a security zone set up by Israel to repulse attacks near the border.

Military officials have warned of an upsurge in attempted border penetrations as commando groups attempt to aid the Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

One commando was killed and four Israeli soldiers were wounded April 5 during an attempted infiltration through Israel's self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon.

The zone is patrolled by some 1,000 Israeli troops and 2,000 Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militiamen.

## Ammunition to be detonated in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, April 13. (Reuter): Pakistani authorities said today damaged ammunition from an Army depot that exploded killing 98 people would be set off near Islamabad over the next few days.

People were told to ignore the sound of the explosions, which would be set off at the Bara Kahu military firing range five km from the capital, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency said.

The ammunition would be destroyed "to avoid public inconvenience and to ensure public safety," the agency said.

Sunday's blast at the Ojri depot killed missiles and artillery shells on the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi in a 15-km radius. About 1,100 people were injured and much property destroyed.

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## Hospital visiting hours during Ramadan

VISITING hours at hospitals will be from 8 pm until 11.30 pm on weekdays during the holy month of Ramadan.

On Fridays the visiting hours will be from 9 am until 11 am and from 8 pm until 10.30 pm.

Children will be allowed during visiting hours on Mondays and Fridays only, provided they are accompanied by relatives.

The Blood Bank will be open to donors from 8 pm until 11 pm from Saturday to Wednesday, and from 8.30 am until 6 pm throughout the week.

## Aid to Eritrea exploited: claim

THE Popular Front for the Liberation of Eritrea yesterday said in a press release that relief aid operations by international organisations in Eritrea were exploited by the Ethiopian government which recently ordered a halt to these organisations.

The Ethiopian government's aim behind halting the international organisations' operations is to employ all tools of these operations for the interest of the war in Eritrea, according to the front.

The front condemned the international organisations' idle stance in face of the Ethiopian government.

## Iraq to build new tyre plant

BAGHDAD, April 13. (Opecna): A new tyre plant with an initial production capacity of one million a year will be built in the central Iraqi province of Najaf.

When completed, the plant will produce 26 types of tyres used by light and heavy trucks and tractors.

The production capacity of the plant will meet both domestic demand and export.

The project is the second of its kind in Iraq. The first is situated in Diwaniyah province, in the south of the country.

## Al Ayoub returns

DAMASCUS, April 13. (Kuna): Kuwaiti Communication Undersecretary Abdulaziz Al Ayoub left here today for home after heading his country's delegation to the Arab Satellite Organisation (Arabsat) general assembly's 11th session which ended here yesterday.

Kuwaiti Ambassador to Damascus Ahmed Abdulaziz Al Jassim and director-general of Syrian telecommunication department Makram Obeid, saw Al Ayoub off at the airport.

## Information about Pakistanis

THE Pakistan embassy in Kuwait has arranged for the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation to establish an office to inform Pakistanis about the welfare of their relatives in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

Pakistanis in Kuwait should send their inquiries to the Overseas Pakistanis Foundation on telephone nos 4811618 and 4812456, or on telex no. OPF-IPK-3694. They should give the address and telephone numbers of their relatives with their queries.

## Wasting of stationery a common practice

WASTING of stationery is common among most students and employees in Kuwait, according to a local newspaper.

It said that 30 years ago a student needed only a few pens and pencils for the whole academic year. Only on special occasions, such as birthdays, would parents give their children a school bag or special stationery items.

Nowadays, students carried school bags that looked like suitcases and were filled with different stationery items, and hundreds of students took a heavy load of books to school.

### Easy

Thirty years ago Kuwait had only two stationery shops and they met the market demand. Today there are more than 500 stationery shops with a wide variety of goods all over Kuwait.

In 1961 there was a total of 51,000 students in Kuwait, but by 1986-87 the number had increased to 364,000.

Statistics showed there were 477 establishments selling paper and stationery products in 1984. These establishments had 1,535 workers altogether and the annual total salary was about KD3.1 million. The stationery sold was about KD22 million.

Purchase departments of ministries and other government

## People condemn hijacking

# Terrorist act deplored

COUNTRIES around the world and residents of Kuwait have condemned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti airliner.

Libya yesterday condemned the hijacking of a Kuwaiti airliner as an act of terrorism.

"Libya criticises such terrorist acts which do not serve any goal. Libya has announced this position more than once," a statement issued by the Libyan People's Bureau (embassy) in Kuwait said.

Qatar's Council of Ministers at its weekly meeting under the chairmanship of the Amir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, strongly denounced the hijacking and the killing of two Kuwaitis.

The cabinet affirmed Qatar's full support of measures taken by Kuwait to solve this hideous crime and to the courageous and firm stance of Kuwait against sabotage and blackmail.

### Tragedy

Bahrain's Premier Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa condemned the hijacking of the Kuwaiti passenger plane as he spoke by telephone to HH the crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah.

A statement issued by the Malaysian Foreign Ministry said Malaysia is most concerned over

the plight of passengers and crew held as hostages on the plane and condemned the killing of two passengers.

The National Movement of the Arab Ahwaz gathering of Arabistan said in a statement that the Ahwazis, living in Kuwait, have followed with concern the hijack tragedy of the Kuwaiti jumbo jet and condemned the operation and those who protect and support the hijackers.

### Societies

The statement said the Ahwazis pledged themselves and their money to the service of Kuwait and in conclusion charged "a country that is allegedly calling itself Islam of supporting and helping the air pirates."

Kuwaiti societies continued their condemnation of the hijacking and the savage killing of two innocent hostages.

The women's cultural and social society issued a statement affirming the organisation's "strong denunciation of the seizure of the Kuwaiti jetliner and taking as hostages the sons of this blessed country."

### Ugliest

The Kuwaiti lawyers association said it considered the hijack episode the ugliest form of criminal practice and expressed full solidarity and support for the

government's refusal to give in to blackmail and intimidation.

The ambassadors to Kuwait of Syria, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt have highly praised the firm national stand taken by the Kuwaiti leadership and its refusal to give in to the demands of the hijackers. They lauded the steadfast loyalty of the Kuwaiti people to their leadership, adding that this showed the solidarity of the people.

### Undermine

Kuwaiti citizens have condemned the hijacking, which Dr Hassan Ibrahim described as "a criminal attempt to undermine the cohesion of the Kuwaiti people."

He stressed the need for international cooperation in curbing such practices and praised the government's unyielding stand against the hijackers' demands and blackmail attempts.

### Grief

Sympathy has been widely expressed for the families of those who have been killed. Farid Mishari Al Ojail, a senior National Housing Authority official expressed his grief over the killing of innocent passengers and denounced the act, saying the hijackers only pretended to be Muslims since Islam never condones the killing of innocent people.

The Iraqi News Agency (INA) quoted an authoritative source as saying that the talks tackled bilateral ties and means of boosting them, and reviewed developments of the Iraq-Iran war and the current Arab situation.

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The absence of laws to protect the environment make it possible for car manufacturers in advanced countries to export cars without proper pollution control devices installed, the article claimed.

According to the article Gulf Cooperation Council states import 90 per cent of their consumer goods which reached \$10 billion in 1986. Imports come from more than 100 countries

throughout the world.

The article said that GCC states have begun to assume more responsibility for these imports, especially drugs and foodstuffs, but officials need to take further action to control the quality of goods imported.

Questions were raised in the article as to the benefit of the Road Safety Society in Kuwait, claiming the vehicle rather than the driver was the main reason for accidents because it does not meet required technical specifications.

The article also questioned the value of the environmental safety society in a country that allowed

cars on the road without any pollution control devices.

The deputy head of quality control at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry Saith Hassan said that GCC markets received tens of thousands of items from around the world which made it difficult to place specifications on all of them.

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## EVENTS



## Table Talk

BY DINAH

WITH dust storms and 120 degree summer temperatures, Kuwait hardly has the climate for outdoor pavement cafes. The Meridien Hotel has neatly solved this problem by setting up an indoor boulevard cafe in the air-conditioned comfort of the Salhiyah Complex. Located right in the heart of town, close to shops and underground parking, the Al Waha Palace Restaurant is well-situated for

shoppers to rest their weary feet or as a meeting place for friends. Sectioned off from the shopping mall by boxes of miniature palms and plants, the Al Waha offers a private corner to watch the world go by while enjoying anything from a coffee or simple snack to a full three course meal.

You can either order from the menu which offers a range of sandwiches from 400 fils, shawarma, kebabs and hamburgers; order one of the daily special hot dishes; or indulge in a delicious slice of gateau. We decided to try a full three course luncheon and began at the salad bar with its choice of about a dozen different salads. The star of the show was definitely the seafood salad — fish, crab, onions and capers in a tasty thousand island dressing. There was also an interesting prawn, celery and cheese mix-

ture and a cold ratatouille of courgettes, tomatoes, onions and green peppers. All of the salads, which included old favourites such as coleslaw and mezze dishes like hummus and tabbouleh, were very fresh and tasty. Hot khubz was served at the table.

## Main course

Two different hot main course dishes are offered daily. When we ate there the specialities of the day were either paella or meat stew. The paella was very attractively garnished with salad and frozen vegetables, although the latter were rather tasteless. The dish consisted of a generous helping of savoury rice topped with prawns, mussels, squid, hamour, lobster and veal sausages. It made a very filling meal but was a little too dry for my taste.

Theatre, NES, Jahriya. Tickets KD4. From Saturday, April 9, the box office at Mousetraps is open daily from 4 to 7 pm. For telephone bookings ring 5610673, 8 am to 1 pm.

## Stepping Out

Tonight is the last performance of the Kuwait Players comedy "Stepping Out", directed by Kyo Wiostro with choreography by Doooa Smith, who also plays the lead. It's in the Crystal Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Tickets KD5 each (including snacks). For reservations ring 5331269; 5745838; 583149.

**WHAT'S ON**

## ARTS

**Bulgarian Art Show**  
An exhibition of contemporary applied arts in Bulgaria is being held at the Dahiyat Abdullah Al Salem Gallery, near Fatima Mosque. Open daily except Friday, from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 21.

**National Museum**  
Today is the last day of the Palestinian Uprising Exhibition at the National Museum. Thirty-six painters are showing their work on the theme of the uprising. Proceeds of sales are for the Uprising Fund. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, until April 14.

**Ghafir Gallery**  
Sudanese artist Hisham Haken is showing his drawings at the gallery in Salhiyah Complex. It's open daily from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 4 to 8:30 pm, until April 21.

**Sultan Gallery**  
"The Islamic Heritage of Spain" is open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm at the Sultan Gallery, Thunayan Al Ghaniyah Bldg., Al Soor St.

**CINEMA**

**British Council**  
High Rise Donkey, a children's film, will be shown at 6 pm tonight and tomorrow at 10:30 at the British Council. "The Story of Maya" is the story of three friends who smuggle an ancient donkey into a block of high rise flats. A feature film entitled Giro City will be shown on April 16 and 17; 6:30 pm. It deals with several different stories: corruption, the IRA, personal relationships and censorship. Gleed Jacksoo and Jon Finch star in this film. Admission is free but it is advisable to make reservations. Tel: 251-5512.

**THEATRE**

**Kuwait School of Contemporary Dance**  
The company will present two ballets "Carnival" and "The Never Ending Story" from April 25 to 29, 8:30 pm nightly, at the Mousetraps.

**RADIO PROGRAMMES**

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2400 Closdown

**FRIDAY**  
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0802 Songs and Music  
0830 News  
0840 Songs and Music  
0845 Daily Programme  
0900 Muslims Around the World  
0915 Songs and Music  
0930 Kiddies Corner  
1000 Songs and Music  
1030 Singers and their Songs  
1100 Closdown  
1330 News on the FM Service

## FM Services

**Morning**  
0800 Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1100 Country 'n' Western  
1200 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News  
1400 Alim Al Naghm (Classical Music)  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Arabic Songs and Music  
1800 Party Music  
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2130 News  
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1350 Classical Hour  
1600 Party Listening  
1700 Arabic Instrumental Music  
1800 Pops  
1900 International Top 20  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Party Music  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening.

## BBC World Services

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09 News about Britain  
15 Radio News  
30 King Street Junior (ex 28th Two Cheats for April)  
0100 News Summary followed by Outlook  
30 Womewide  
40 Book Choice

45 Society Today (ex 7th The Story of English)  
0200 World News  
09 News Summary  
15 Network UK  
30 Assignment  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 The World Today  
30 Can Communism Cope? (ex 7th Why Should This Happen to Me?)

0400 Newsdesk  
30 Classical Record Review  
45 Reflections  
50 Financial News  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
1300 Stanley's Choice  
45 The World Today

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30 Great Love Duets  
40 The Farming World  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
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30 Citizens  
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45 Heres Hump!  
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DILIGENCE is the mother of good fortune — Miguel de Cervantes, Spanish novelist (1547-1616).

## Afghan rebel divisions sharpen

By Robert Mahoney

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, (Reuter): A group of Afghan rebels recently sent several loads of weapons across the Pakistani border in a secret dump in Afghanistan, according to intelligence reports.

The guns are not meant to be fired at Russians.

They are for the power struggle which is likely to follow when the Kremlin pulls its 115,000 soldiers out of a nine-year war which has killed probably one million Afghans and cast Moscow dear in international prestige.

That the seven-party guerrilla alliance is divided is no secret. It is the depth of the divisions which is becoming known as the rebels' political leaders manoeuvre for power ahead of the Soviet troop withdrawal.

The image of bearded young men in woolen caps taking on the armoured might of a superpower with just a rifle won the alliance sympathy and, more important, arms from the United States and conservative Arab states.

"Fighting the Soviets, the mujahedeen (Islamic warriors) were able to paper over the cracks... now, with Geneva and a Soviet withdrawal, the paper's coming off," said an Afghan analyst in Peshawar, the Pakistani town near the Afghan frontier where the guerrillas are based.

The Muslim rebels are not represented at Geneva where Pakistan, backed by Washington, negotiated a settlement through a UN mediator with Kabul and its ally, Moscow.

Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev confirmed on Friday the promised withdrawal would start on May 15 following the Geneva agreement.

The prospect of a Soviet withdrawal has sharpened old rivalries and rekindled rows over what form of government would replace the administration of President Najibullah, and who would run it.

In many ways the alliance reflects Afghan society: a patchwork of ethnic groups and tribes overlaid with political, religious, ideological and personal rivalries.

Some of the best commanders with fine fighting and political skills, like Ahmed Shah Masood who controls the strategic Panjshir Valley are ruled out as national leaders of ethnic grounds. Masood is a Tadzhik from the north-east who would be unacceptable in Afghanistan's larger Pashtun tribes.

Talk of disunity and possible civil war after the Soviet withdrawal alarms Pakistan, which fears the three million Afghan refugees who have fled here might not go home.

## Harare moves closer to one party-state

By Jerry Gray

HARARE, Zimbabwe, (AP): The merger of the ruling Zimbabwe African National Union and the rival Zimbabwe African Peoples Union reunites guerrilla warlords in a new step to create a one-party state.

"We have one Zimbabwe, one nation and one National Army. We will be stronger if we have one party," executive President Robert Mugabe said six years ago after beginning his quest for one-party rule.

Mugabe neared the end of that crusade over the weekend when Zanu ratified a merger that had endorsed a week earlier. The two parties worked together to oust one of Africa's last colonial governments in 1980 but became rivals under Zimbabwe's multiparty system, one of the few in Africa.

Unity

Some time before the year ends, the Zimbabwe African National Union (Patriotic Front) will be, by law, the sole political party in this southern African state.

Critics say the decision will turn capitalist Zimbabwe into a Marxist-Leninist socialist state and its parliament into another of Africa's many rubber-stamp legislatures.

Supporters say that will bring unity to one nation on a continent divided by tribal differences, and whose political structures still are too fragile to withstand the rigours of Western-style multiparty politics.

## Raise children with affection

SIR: I would like to give my opinion about the rapid growth of child abuse in Kuwait.

I totally agree with what Dr N.V. Doraiswamy and Dr Abdullah Rashid said in the story "Child abuse increasing alarmingly," (AT 13/3).

Parents should take note of this and a law should be enacted to check child abuse. Parents should raise their children with proper discipline, care and affection. They should share a little time with them and set a good example by their own behaviour.

I am a housemaid myself with a two-year-old boy to look after. I consider him my own child and I teach him good manners. Yet at this stage parents must come in. They should not entrust everything to maids alone. Parents have an obligation to shower care and

love, for children are sunshine, a treasure and inspiration. What is success without them?

Casmira Villanueva, Kuwait

## Unlucky Goans

SIR: We are grateful to the Arab Times for informing us about the latest Air India schedules.

Goans are indeed unlucky. First, they get a direct flight. Then, it was withdrawn. They were given a baggage storage facility in Goa, only to have it taken away. Now we are again in trouble with the change in flight timings. On the homeward journey, we can't wait for four hours in Bombay.

Please keep us informed about the Goa flights, particularly now that the school holidays are approaching and most Goans will be going home.

S.F. Paes, Safat

## Pedestrian flyover

SIR: Many passengers get off the bus near Holiday Inn and cross the busy Airport Road to reach New Kitean.

Cars coming down from the nearby flyover speed along very fast. Many people have died on this spot.

I request the concerned authorities in build at this place a pedestrian crossing to avoid loss of human lives. Fencing should also be built. People not using the pedestrian crossing should be punished severely.

Syed Mynudeen, Kitean

## Bold sponsor

SIR: Congratulations to the sponsor of Kuwait India School for boldly challenging H. C. Das' letter "Munkey

Business." (AT March 24/5).

Any sensible parent knows KIS is not run like other schools, where teachers are hired and fired at the whims of a single person.

Although many letters were published in the Arab Times about the United Indian School, it is a pity that neither of the two board members of that school came out publicly to refute the charges. This clearly shows that they do not deny them. Now it is the turn of the government authorities to take necessary action.

A parent, Farwania.

## Solidarity expressed

SIR: On behalf of the Christian expatriate community in Kuwait, we express our solidarity with all Kuwaitis in

this time of crisis.

We will continue to pray for a speedy end to this terrible hijack drama, the continued safety of the surviving passengers and their prompt return to their loved ones and homelands.

In the meantime, our hearts go out to the families and friends of the hostages, particularly to those of the murder victims.

As residents of Kuwait, we share their pain and concern and will do all we can to ease it.

John M. Levins and others, Safat

form — aiming at the maximum audience — has come to Kuwait at last. Now that KTV 2 has achieved its aim, it should not overdo it.

John Flanagan, Kuwait

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## Gorbachev is an enigma to presidential candidates

## Candidates tiptoeing around missile treaty

By Norman Cousins

WASHINGTON: So far, the presidential campaign has not focused squarely on American-Soviet relations. The candidates have been tiptoeing around the treaty to cut back on intermediate-range missiles. Even here the big differences are not between the parties but among the Republican candidates.

"It wasn't surprising to me," Khrushchev said, "that we should have fallen so far short of our production goals. The real surprise was that we were able to produce at all, given the conditions of terror that gripped the entire country."

Khrushchev went on to say that his most agonising decision was to go public with his first-hand knowledge of Stalin's tyranny. "I finally decided that the only way this country was going to be able to move forward ... was freeing itself of the paralysis that had set in under Stalin. Twice I went before the country in an attempt to tell the truth about Stalin. The second time I spoke for several hours, going into great detail about the murder and torture of many thousands of innocent people. After everything I said, you might imagine that the Russian people would change their memories of this monster. But no, every day I meet otherwise intelligent people who think that Stalin was sane."

Americans seem to react in Gorbachev as though there is a catch: as if at any moment the disguise will drop and the Russian bear will resume his traditional fierceness.

Blunt

Historically, Gorbachev is an advanced expression of post-Stalinist policy that previously reached a high point under Nikita Khrushchev. Many Americans paid so much attention to Khrushchev's style that there was a tendency to bypass his policies. The shoe-thumping quality of the man tended to obscure the fundamental changes he sought to bring about — changes that are being reactivated and enlarged by Gorbachev.

Another major element of Khrushchev's programme was the need to secure the Far Eastern boundaries against Chinese pressure. The Chinese had expected that the Soviet Union would

return all the territory seized by the czars. Khrushchev felt no compulsion just because of ideological fraternity with the Chinese.



A fixed point in Russian history has been the need to avoid fighting two major enemies at once. Taking geopolitics and history into account, Khrushchev did not take the heat when the change occurs. Gorbachev is not

## Refugee flood fuels tension between Hungary and Romania

By Colin McIntyre

BUDAPEST, (Reuter): Tension is rising between neighbours Hungary and Romania as Budapest grapples with a flood of ethnic Hungarians from across the border, charging they are being forced out by disunity. But the iron-willed leader does have the military and political organisations to make or break many would-be contenders for power in Kabul if Najibullah falls.

Hekmatyar has good relations with the Pakistani military. He was the first to receive Stinger anti-aircraft missiles from the United States despite his virulent public anti-Americanism.

Hekmatyar does not have enough support to be chosen leader by the traditional "jirga" assembly of tribal and religious leaders for an election, Afghan politicians say.

But the iron-willed leader does have the military and political organisations to make or break many would-be contenders for power in Kabul if Najibullah falls.

According to Hungarian officials, some 10,000 Hungarians have fled their Romanian homeland and sought refuge here in the past two years. Emigre sources estimate there are at least as many others in Hungary illegally, having failed to register with the authorities when their tourist visas run out.

"We can cope with this amount, but if the process accelerates, we'll need to look for another solution," Janos Barabas, a senior Hungarian Communist Party official, told visiting journalists.

The official Hungarian press has reported that "considerable sums" of money had been donated by institutions and individuals in response to a call from the Hungarian Red Cross to help the refugees.

Help

While Hungarian officials say they are not seeking international help, deputy foreign minister Gyula Horn told a news conference recently: "If the International Red Cross offered any help, I think we would accept it."

The refugees are part of Romania's ethnic Hungarian community, one of the largest national minorities in Europe, which is put at 1.7 million by Romania and 2.5 million by emigre groups. Most live in Transylvania, which belonged to Hungary until 1919.

The latest flood, which is putting added strain on Hungary's resources as it strives to find them food, jobs and schooling, has rekindled a dispute that raged openly last year, a rare occurrence between Warsaw Pact members.

In one of the strongest official attacks on a communist ally seen for years, the Hungarian government newspaper Magyar Hirlap

said recently.

Some Western diplomats and Hungarian intellectuals believe Romania, under its autocratic leader Nicolae Ceausescu, may be using the minority issue to divert attention from the country's chronic food and energy shortages.

One Romanian exile told Reuters: "The Hungarians are for Romanians what the Jews were for Hitler. Romanians ask: 'Why are we so badly off,' and the reply is: 'It's the Hungarians.'

Karny Kiraly, an ethnic Hungarian who quit the Romanian Communist Party's top policy-making body in 1972 in protest over policy towards the Hungarians, described the community as: "The Romanian Transylvanian Hungarian nation."

In an interview with the Hungarian underground journal Beszelo last year, Kiraly, one of the most outspoken critics of the Romanian government, said Hungarians were denied proper representation at local government level.

Even in areas with clear Hungarian majorities, no more than 20 per cent of middle or senior officials were Hungarians, he said. Meanwhile the government's closure of Hungarian-language schools and universities was destroying the intellectual community, he added.

"We want to live in brotherhood with all the other nations and nationalities on this territory, and accept them for what they are, the way they are now," he said. "But we cannot tolerate that they want to exterminate us as a nation."

## Encourage

Budapest said Bucharest did not want to encourage Romania's minority to come to Hungary.

"The right to stay in one's native land is a fundamental right. We want Hungarians to be able to stay in Romania, keeping their Hungarian identity."

Some Hungarian officials and emigre groups have expressed the fear that if the most vocal sections of the Hungarian minority leave — most of those who have fled are skilled workers or intellectuals, according to local church sources — the remainder will be quickly assimilated.

The Supreme Court refused to put off the execution of Leslie Lowenfield, 34, shortly after midnight, said a spokesman in Washington.

## Ethiopia suffers its worst military reverses since 1977

By Philip Williams

NAIROBI, (UPI): Ethiopia, crippled by famine and poverty, faces its gravest military crisis in 11 years. Northern rebels are driving back government troops on two fronts and apparently inflicting heavy casualties.

Diplomats and relief workers say the Soviet-equipped Ethiopian Army is on the retreat all over northern Tigray and southern Eritrea provinces. Attacks by the two nationalist rebel movements in these provinces are the bloodiest since 1977, when the Eritreans almost drove the government from their war-weary province.

Wars and famines have dictated politics and government changes in Ethiopia throughout the modern history. True to form, the present two-month-old crisis has already deeply influenced the socialist, one-party government of President Mengistu Haile Mariam — Moscow's closest ally in Africa.

Last week, after a sporadic three-year war and a further eight years of diplomatic and military confrontation, Ethiopia finally made its peace with neighbouring Somalia.

## Negotiations

Negotiations had been bumping along with no sign of a breakthrough for two years, during which Somalia and Ethiopian troops stiffened by 3,000 Cuban rebels occasionally sniped at each other over their border in the disputed Ogaden area of southwest Ethiopia.

It was into the ethnically-Somali Ogaden that Somalia rumbled to open the war last time Addis Ababa was reeling in the face of 1977's massive Eritrean advance.

Faced again with a mess in the north which, in some ways, is worse than 1977, analysts believe Ethiopia signed the deal with the Somalis to head off the possibility of another Somali knife in the back.

In 1977-78, the Eritreans seemed poised to sweep every government soldier from the province and achieve their long-

their capital at Mekelle, sending Ethiopian troops reeling south. They claimed to have mauled a full five government battalions.

Mengistu, who normally never says much as mentions the two rebellions in public, reacted in unprecedented fashion. He appealed in a major speech for Ethiopian unity and declared a national mobilisation that will pull every reservist back into his 313,000-man Army — the biggest military machine in black Africa.

Meanwhile, the massive famine relief operation to feed 3 million already hungry people hit by drought in the two provinces is paralysed by the fighting and by the buildup for the coming government counter-offensive.

All the roads are closed. Unless the violence stops soon and food moves, there may well be a crisis in which people starve as they did in 1984-85.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1544 — Denmark repudiates its alliance with France.
- 1629 — Peace of Susa ends war between England and France.
- 1672 — Alliance is signed between France and Sweden against Dutch.
- 1834 — Republican uprising in France is crushed by army under Adolphe Thiers.
- 1849 — Hungarian diet proclaims independence with Louis Kossuth as governor-president.
- 1865 — US President Abraham Lincoln is shot by actor John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. and he dies following morning.
- 1890 — Delegates to Washington conference of American states create what is to become Pan American Union.
- 1912 — Liner Titanic strikes iceberg in north Atlantic, and more than 1,500 lives are lost when ship sinks.
- 1931 — King Alfonso flees in Spanish revolution, and Alcalá Zamora becomes president of provisional government.
- 1945 — US bombers pound Tokyo and Japan's imperial palace in World War II.
- 1970 — US Apollo 13 spacecraft heads back to earth after moon mission that had to be aborted because of mechanical problems.
- 1972 — Terrorists set off chain of explosions across Northern Ireland, killing several people.
- 1977 — Soviet Union orders its fishing fleet to observe strictly new fishing regulations set by United States off its coasts.
- 1986 — United States

Wealth of alternating impressions

## Greece has charms for all seasons

Greece has something to say for itself all the year round. Winter or summer, it can always stir emotions and there seems to be a wealth of alternating impressions which change in tone and appearance behind the curtain of the seasons. The entire geographical area of Greece very much resembles a picture gallery, spread with small, sensitive portraits.

Snow-white lonely chapels, monasteries whose presence is betrayed by their tall belfries, gentle slopes of undulating hills, boats seemingly dozing at their moorings along the shores, the sea flashing back its reflection of the sun's rays and villages of every description, each with its distinctive characteristics.

Roaming around Greece is rather like taking a walk through time and history. Ancient monuments and historic sites in all directions of the compass carry one into bygone times. The age-old reminiscences of the land come to life in a special stage setting each Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter.

Spring finds its summit of glory in Greece. The plains and hillsides become a carpet of wild flowers, some of them common and some very rare but everywhere is colourful harmony.

Poppies sprout among the fallen marble columns of ancient Olympia still echoing the triumphant sounds of the Olympic Games. In the picturesque lanes of the villages on



The island of Skyros. Aboard a yacht or by car one can tour the entire country.

Mt. Pelion, the sun flirts with the wild rose bushes while the cobble remains of the Temple of Apollo at Delphi keep an eye from the top of the hill, on the peaceful olive groves which reflect back their silver foliage from the deep valley below.

The Mega Spilaion monastery and the ancient acropolis of Lindos, on the island of Rhodes, welcome their visitors as they arrive on donkeyback while the Samaria Gorge on the island of Crete does the same for the hardy trekkers who decide to walk its length.

Summer in Greece is the season for cruises, sea sports, sunbathing, artistic events, various festivals, performances of ancient drama and, above all, the islands. Each holds a different surprise for the visitor.

Mykonos, shrouded in white and swept by cool breezes, Skiathos with its silver sandy beaches, Cephalonia with its Makriyalos beach, Corfu with its natural beauties, Santorini and Crete with their prehistoric civilisations. Patmos with its religious traditions. Fishing

in Greek waters is not a mere hobby or sport by a way of life. In the fishing villages, the nets are drawn and gathered to the accompaniment of the "song of the trita". The night-fishing "gri-gri" smacks set out at dusk, in line ahead, each with its powerful stern lamp shining down into the water like a chain of stars.

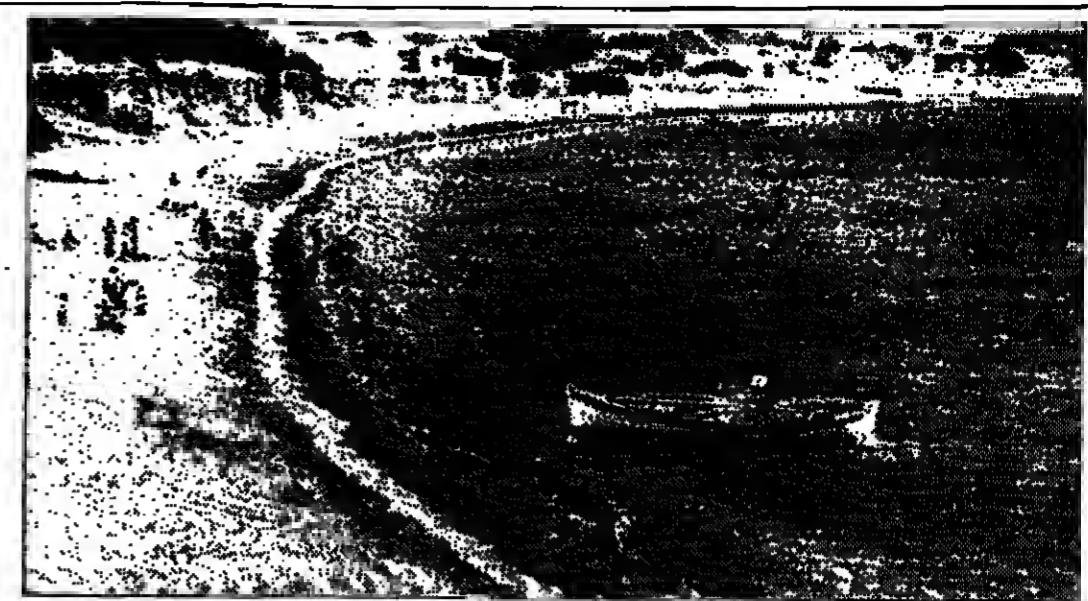
Autumn in Greece is nothing short of spring in a lower key. Aboard a yacht or car, one can tour the entire country accompanied by an invisible wistfulness and a mellow sun. Friendly

and hospitable like the people of the countryside.

The same can be said of a stroll in Mystra where one meets the fragrance of the ground after an autumn shower.

Winter itself has two faces. One is smiling and genial, dominating the plains, the lowlands and the islands. Winter bathers have a chance to swim without shivering and the romantics can take long strolls along the shores, combing the beaches for trophies deposited there by the white foam of the waves breaking on the sands.

Winter's other face is not to be trifled with. It is identical with what Christmas cards are meant to convey and can be met on the Kastri and the Vermio heights or heard whistling through the picturesque Metsovo landscape. Its challenging



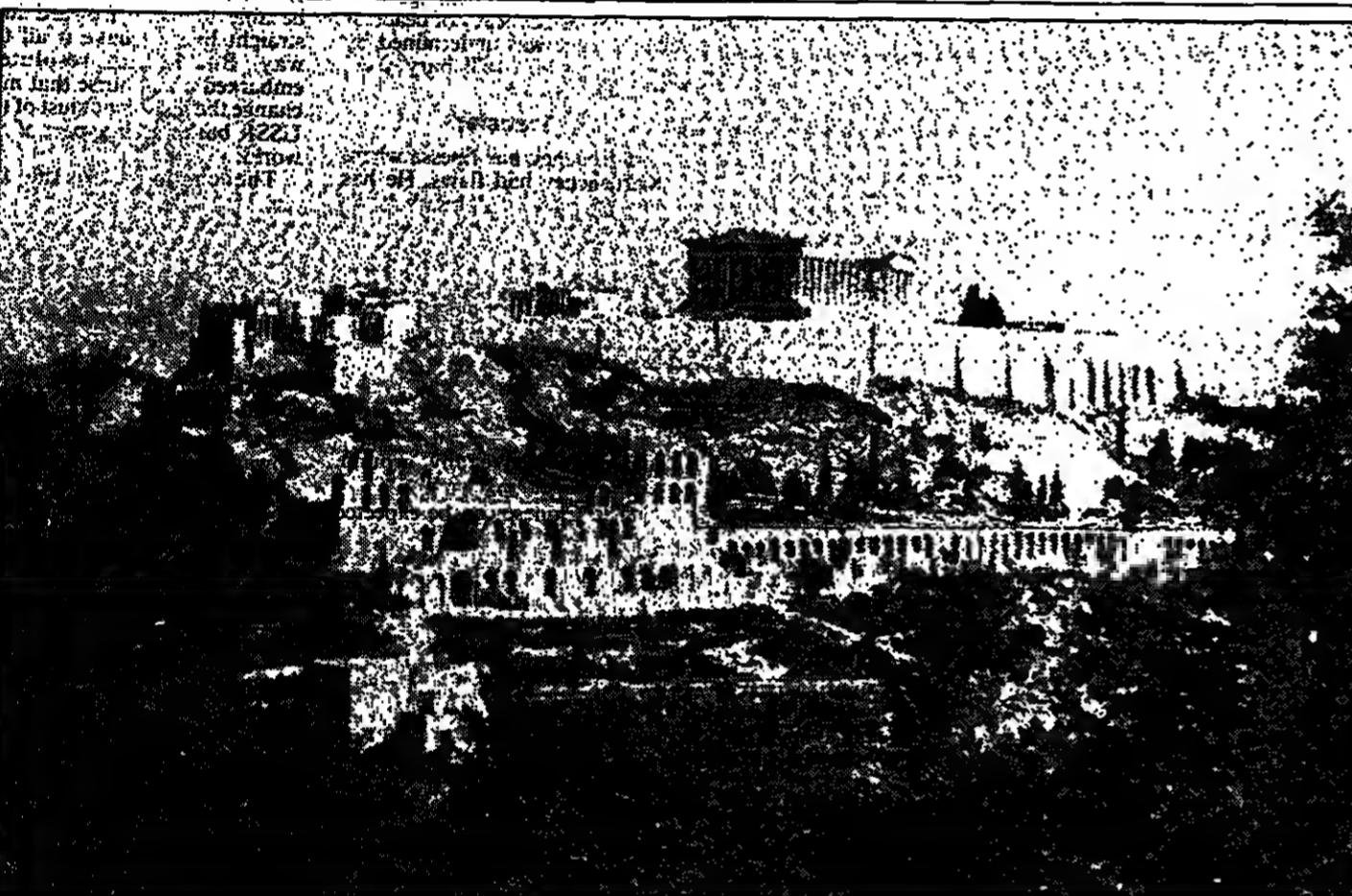
Summer in Greece is the season for cruises, sea sports, and sunbathing.



The island of Rhodes is popular among tourists.



Snow-white chapels and monasteries are a picturesque sight on the Greek islands.



The Parthenon overlooking Athens. Apart from the obvious monuments and museums, there are many parts of the city where one can wander undisturbed.

## Unexpected delights in Athens

ATHENS gets a bad press for smog, noise, ugliness, indifferent service and the tout-ridden tawdriness of Plaka. Fair enough, but it is also a city in which more than a third of the Greek nation manages to lead a reasonably agreeable existence.

Taking a leaf out of their book, and going where the discriminating among them go — which admittedly means out of town in high summer — you turn up unexpected charms.

Apart from the obvious

monuments and museums, which it would be pity to miss, there are still parts of the city where you can wander in undisturbed contemplation of past glories or savour the pleasures of a culture more Levantine than European. The ancient Keramikos cemetery is one of my favourites, where speckled toads croak in the marshy ground, and the pines of Filopapou hill where crocuses bloom in autumn and you look at sunset over the hunched sea

to the islands of Salamis and Aegina.

For the unalloyed delights of shade and running water in mid-summer heat, the National Gardens off Syntagma Square are unsurpassed, with a tiny sylvan cafe near the exit on Irothou Atrou St. Plaka too — though definitely not a place to eat and with the proviso that you keep away from the main commercial streets — has been much improved, dare I say it, by geoturfing.

Outside Plaka the only remnants of an older village Athens are the streets below the Observatory and the neighbourhoods of Metaxa and Pangrati behind the Stadium. Metaxa in particular has retained a number of neo-classical houses with decorative end-tiles, marble balconies and luxuriant courtyards on its steep-stepped streets. It is home to the extravaganzas of the First Cemetery, the equal of Paris's Pere Lachaise.

Pangrati and Pangrati are also the best central areas for eating, just 15 minutes walk from Syntagma. Markou Mousourou is the principal street in Metaxa with several traditional tavernas as well as some new-style bars and restaurants, the most attractive being the highly successful Metaxa.

There are more tavernas in Arhimidous St., near Plaka Varnava, and off Leoforos Konstantinou round Psarou St., including the excellent though more expensive fish taverna, O Anthros, at Arhelaou 13.

The Levantine character of the city is most visible in the bazaar-like streets between Monastiraki and Omonia Square. The centre is the team-

By Stuart Rossiter

MACEDONIA has always had a bad press. In antiquity, though not quite barbarians, Macedonians were never quite Greeks, and though Alexander wrote his name large in history, his empire was little more than a nine days wonder. In modern times the campaigns of 1916 are remembered for ineptitude and dysentery; Salonika shares with the Dardanelles the smell of defeat.

Yet Macedonia is in many ways the liveliest part of Greece. Until 1912 it was a uniquely prosperous province of Turkey-in-Europe, exporting "Turkish" tobacco. With Thessaly it boasts five cities of a size only surpassed in the south by Patras: Serres, Drama, Kavalla, Xanthi, and Komotini; and one, Salonika, exceeded by only Athens herself. The university of Salonika considers itself, with some justice, intellectually superior to that of Athens.

If Myceo, Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and Delphi seem to tip the archaeological scales heavily towards the south, they are all over-subscribed. The large northern sites — Pella, Amphipolis, Philippi, Thasos, Samothrace — are relatively deserted. Since the earth is wet and cold in winter, it never gets burnt up like the south. The rivers, fed by Bulgarian or Yugoslav snows do not dry up. Spring is green and lush and the butterflies spectacular.

Ironically, it's travellers to Turkey who best know northern Greece, for it lies on the main land route to Istanbul. Indeed I last passed that way myself when returning from Anatolia, and may perhaps be forgiven for mentioning the far end first. Having driven from the Syriko border, I decided to relax a day at the Asir Motel in Alexandroupolis — the spring-board for visiting Samothrace with its Sanctuary of the Great Gods.

Between Alexandroupolis and Kavalla the main road touches the sea at Porto Lago, where the lagoons teem with exotic wading birds. Ancient sites lie on deserted stretches of

## Away from the madding crowds in Macedonia

coast. Abdera is easy to find, Maroneia and Mesambria less so, but you'll certainly find a sandy beach from which to bathe. Komotini museum displays objects from the sites and an amazing gold bust of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

Kavalla, big enough to absorb tourists without surrendering its identity, is friendly and central. Though a car helps, here it is not essential. Bus services are frequent and regular. Its car camp, however, outside to the west, backs a splendid beach

and bad a very tolerable restaurant. Alternatively, the Galaxy Hotel overlooking the harbour is convenient, comfortable and close to the fish tavernas (though its own food will not drive you out). The old town has Byzantine and Turkish relics; an aqueduct spans the centre which — unless you've been spoilt by Segovia or the Pont du Gard — is impressive; wooded Thasos beckons from the sea.

Nearer to Salonika's international airport, the two western peninsulas of Chalcidice, once deserted and almost inaccessible, are rapidly acquiring grand hotels. Good reports come in also about the Eagle's Palace at the gateway to the Holy Mountain.

On the western side of Sithonia the Carras estates supply a new custom-built resort where the huge open-air theatre is grander than anything since the Romans.

Northern Greece is relatively deserted compared to the popular south, and unexploited by tour operators.



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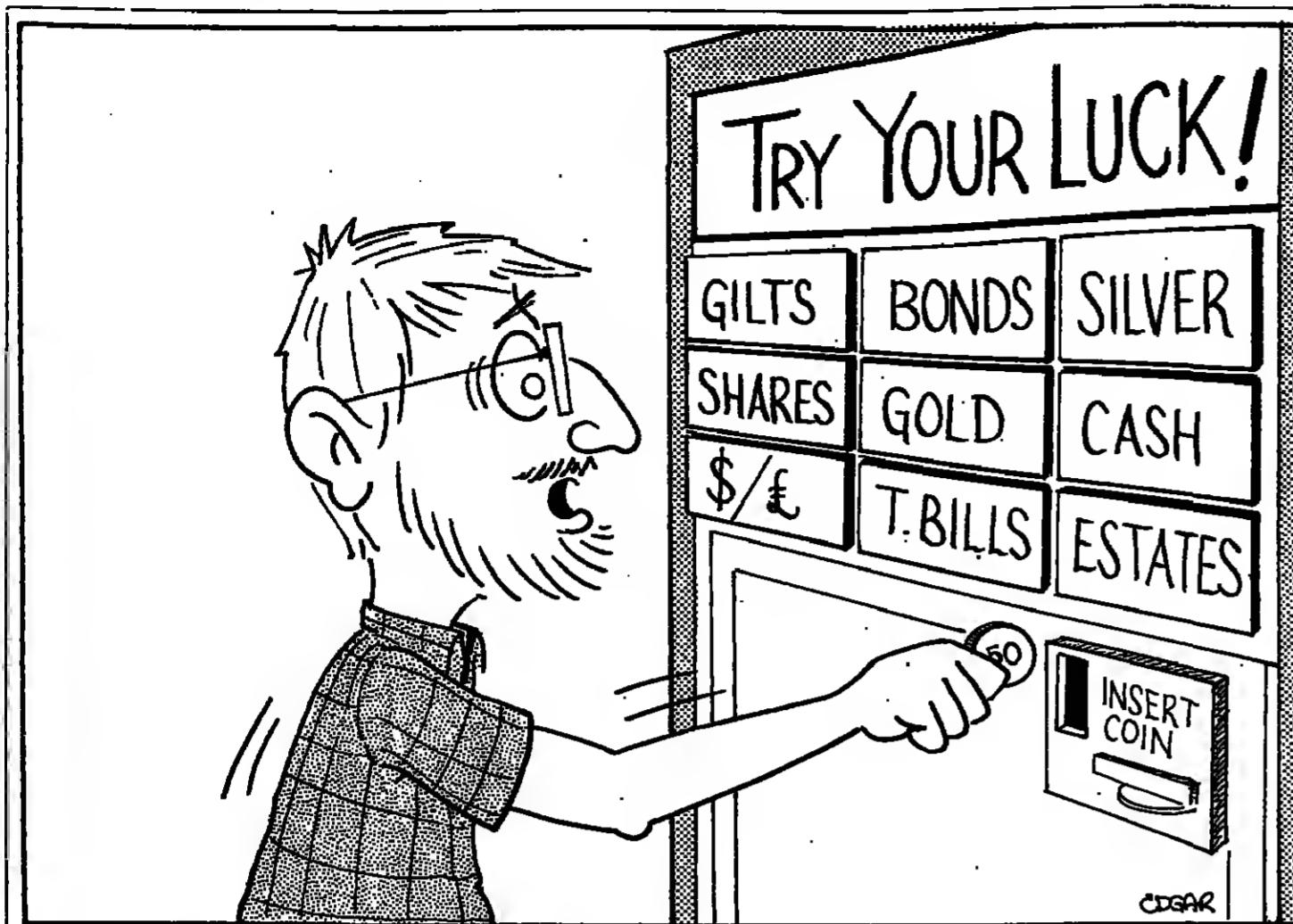
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## HUMOUR



I was thinking about money the other day, wondering what to do with my loot now that I have, at last, become a millionaire. I thought of writing to that Midas character, but I don't understand a word he says. I don't want to pay good money for units in a unit trust, what nonsense. Did you ever try to spend a unit? How many units does it cost to buy a loaf of bread or a Ferrari? Besides, every time you look at the unit prices they've gone up or down in value. Mind you, money's the same. One week a dinar is worth 500 fils, next week it's worth 517. Where do those extra seventeen fils come from? Where do they go when the pound doesn't need them any more? Is there an enormous bank vault filled with useless fils, just lying around, waiting?

The other thing I don't understand is interest. I mean, you put a hundred dinars in the bank and it gets interest, but whose interest? I mean, I could understand if it was a hundred million dinars, plenty of people would be interested in that, but who cares about a hundred?

Confusing

For example, if you get ten per cent interest, does that mean that whoever's paying this interest is only ten per cent interested in the whole thing? What would it take to get them 100 percent interested, pictures of naked ladies on the bank notes?

Then again, if you get ten per cent, that means after a year each dinar is worth one dinar and one hundred fils. But where does that hundred fils come from? Does it somehow leak

## Bulls & bears for breakfast

By Keith Wells

out of the vault where those extra seventeen superfluous fils are hanging around? Or do they take the hundred fils from somebody else's dinar? Is that why my money doesn't seem to go so far as it used to? Perhaps every dinar I get paid is only worth 900 fils, less the seventeen fils it has gained since last month, that means my dinars are worth only 883 fils, subtract inflation at say ten per cent,

these experts telling you to invest in this, put your money in that, it all goes over my head. The other day I read a piece about how the best way to save money was to put it into gilds. I ask you! As if I haven't got enough gilt already. I feel guilty every time I look at the bills I haven't paid! Someone else suggested T bills, but I still haven't paid for my coffee yet. Of course, plenty of people

even gold can't decide how much it is worth. What chance have we got?

At least we don't have to worry about taxes too much, thank goodness. That's why old Midas keeps recommending those offshore funds, which sound like bundles of banknotes on a rowing boat somewhere out at sea, no wonder they keep sinking!

Then there are all those weird financial expressions, like bed and breakfasting your funds. What does that mean? Does a little guy with a bagful of your hard-earned cash trot along to some seedy boarding house and ask them to put it up for the night? Or do the banks have a special dormitory block where they solemnly serve bags of money with coffee, orange juice and a poached egg on toast?

Puzzled

The other expression that always puzzled me is the one about the 'bull market' or the 'bear market'. Can't they find human beings to work in these places? How do they ever expect to make money if they leave it up to some grizzly to make all the decisions? Mind you, it's all computerised now, isn't it? You see all these guys in shirtsleeves on television shouting into their phones and waving their hands about, probably trying to keep the bears from stealing their sandwiches.

Then, you have to deal with all these brokers, which seems odd. If they are so clumsy and always breaking things, how can they expect to handle any delicate deals? With the place full of brokers it's no wonder we keep getting stock market smashes!

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That's another 100 fils I've lost, but I've been here eleven years, which means if inflation was ten per cent for every one of those years I haven't just lost ten per cent, I've lost 110 per cent, which is one dinar one hundred fils, so subtract that from the 883 and I'm left with every dinar I earn being worth minus 217 fils. No wonder things seem pretty bad.

Financial matters are very confusing, aren't they? All

will tell you to put your money into real estate, which is pretty daft since even I am not stupid enough to invest in unreal estate.

Then there's gold, nice shiny lumps of heavy yellow metal, yet the price seems to float around like a feather. One week it's worth 500 dollars, next time you look it's 450 dollars and the dollars themselves keep changing from 290 fils to 270 fils, all beyond rhyme and reason. If

WITH the indictments of Ollie North, John Poindexter, Richard Secord and Albert Hakim, people in Washington are now speculating as to how it will all come out. Here are some theories:

President Reagan will pardon Ollie North and John Poindexter because they both worked for him. But he will do nothing for Secord and Hakim because they were not team players.

The President will not pardon anybody because they didn't commit any crimes. And even if they did, Reagan was watching old movies and didn't know about it.

Sen. Bob Dole, in one last desperate move for the Republican nomination, will announce that if he is elected President, he will pardon Vice President George Bush.

Bush will retort that his resume shows he doesn't need a pardon because he won Texas.

Pat Robertson will proclaim that if he is elected President, he will sign a divine forgiveness order for

## The Art Buchwald Column

### I beg your pardon

the four defendants, which has double the value of a pardon.

It is predicted that Ollie North will pardon his shredding machine and the people who used it without his permission.

Ollie's lawyer will announce that he is calling President Reagan, Prime Minister Shamir and the Ayatollah Khomeini as defence witnesses in the trial.

Gen. Secord's lawyer will ask the Sultan of Brunei to open up a defence fund for his client in a Swiss bank account.

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keeps smoking his pipe in the courtroom.

During the trial, the prosecution will ask Hakim where the money is. He will say he doesn't know anything about the money.

His only concern in the Contra affair was to see that Ollie North had good fencing for his house.

At some point

the Department of Agriculture will be asked to rule if Ollie North's lawyer Brendan Sullivan is a potted plant. If they decide he is, the president will give him a pardon.

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the pardoning will be a big campaign issue. Where you stand will test your patriotism. If you are in favour of a fair trial and a not-guilty verdict from the jury you are a good American.

If you pray for a guilty verdict you are stomping on the American flag in your high heels.

The question keeps cropping up as to what happens if the trial drags along and Bush, after being elected President, is called as a witness in the case.

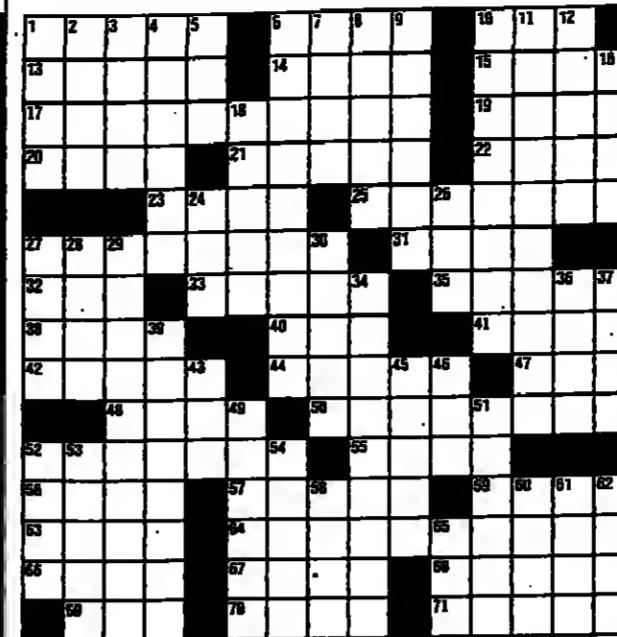
The answer is that Bush, depending on his testimony, might have to pardon himself. While this could have political repercussions it is nothing compared to having Mr. Bush testify what he knew about Iranagate and when he knew it. Those in the know in Washington have always maintained that if Nixon had paid more attention to pardons than he did to cover-ups, he might never have had to resign.

Los Angeles Times

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There is no doubt that

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

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## Occidental signs venture to produce plastics in Ukraine

MOSCOW, April 13, (Reuter): US businessman Armand Hammer signed a deal today for his Occidental Petroleum to join in building two factories in the Soviet Union to make plastics for an expanding consumer goods market.

The plants would be the first built under a joint venture between the Soviet Union and a US firm, said Aleksander Ustukachin, first deputy Minister of the Chemical Industry.

Construction is expected to start next year, following a feasibility study. Building costs are estimated at \$160 to \$200 million. Hammer, Occidental's chairman, said:

He added: "This should help to provide Russia with consumer items and improve the standard of living of the Soviet people."

**Investment**

The polyvinyl chloride products will be for use in food packaging, wall coverings, vinyl flooring and upholstery fabrics.

Hammer said 75 per cent would be sold in the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries and the rest exported and sold by Occidental, the largest US producer of the plastic.

"We will amortise our investment and 'also get a profit,'" Hammer said. "With the planned expansion of the economy in the Soviet Union, it is expected that the market for these products will enjoy rapid growth for years to come."

The factories will be built at Kaliush, near the border with Czechoslovakia, with operations due to begin in 1991, and Occidental chief executive officer Raymond Irani said they should start turning a profit as early as 1992.

### Deals

Hammer was in Moscow this week with more than 500 US businessmen to discuss new trade opportunities created by Kremlin reforms.

The Occidental chairman, who has had business dealings with the Kremlin for decades, also plans to be in Geneva on Thursday for the signing of documents for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan.

## Australia drops import quotas on cars and cuts duties

CANBERRA, April 13, (Reuter): Australia took the brake off car imports today under a plan to make its own industry more competitive.

The new tariff-cutting measures lessen protection for the car industry by immediately abolishing rules limiting the number of imported cars to 20 per cent of the market at normal duty rates.

Any cars imported above quota have a massive 85 per cent duty on their prices.

### Performance

"This will help our car industry to improve its performance," John Button, industry, technology and commerce minister told reporters.

Tariffs, which currently raise the cost of imported cars by 57.5 per cent, will continue to be imposed on the cars but they will be progressively lowered.

They will be immediately cut to 45 per cent and reduced to a rate of 35 per cent by 1992, by which time the government hopes to have totally revamped the car industry.

Under the government's overall plans for the car industry, launched in January 1985, the number of models produced in Australia has been reduced from 13 to eight.

The number of Australian carmakers is also down to five — Ford, Nissan, General Motors Holden, Mitsubishi and Toyota. Of these producers, GM-Holden and Toyota intend to form a joint venture and Nissan and Ford are looking into opportunities for cooperation, Button said.

The ultimate aim is that, faced with the new foreign competition, Australian carmakers will price their cars more competitively, he said.

The on-the-road cost of an average family saloon is currently \$23,000 dollars (\$17,000), a price rise of about 3,000 dollars (\$2,000) since April last year.

This, coupled with a hold-down on wage rises to fight inflation, now seven per cent, has hit all car sales over the past few years.

Passenger car registrations have dropped considerably, being 509,590 vehicles in calendar 1985, of which 120,600 were imported.

## UK to reject Opec cooperation in Saudi talks

# Strategy to raise crude prices

JAKARTA, April 13, (Reuter): Opec moderates Venezuela and Indonesia coordinated strategy today to boost crude prices and patch up unity within the oil organisation.

An Indonesian government spokesman said President Suharto and visiting Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi agreed during a 90-minute meeting on the need to increase efforts to achieve fair and stable oil prices.

With Nigeria, they form a group of non-Arab moderates within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) who are trying to bridge fundamental differences between members, particularly Iran and Saudi Arabia, over whether or not to cut production quotas to boost slumping crude prices.

**Development**

"Both heads of state agreed that in order to achieve a fair and stable oil price, there needs to be close unity within Opec itself, and they both saw a need to continue a dialogue with oil producing countries outside Opec," Indonesian Minister of State Mardiono told reporters.

"They discussed developments in world oil, and both presidents firmly agreed to increase their efforts to achieve an oil price that is stable and fair," he added.

**Indonesia**

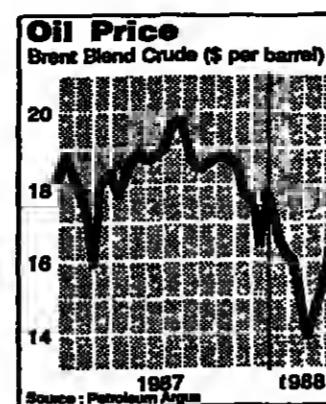
The first Latin American head of state to visit during President Suharto's 22-year rule over South-West Asia's largest country, and Mardiono said they agreed to act as a bridge between their two regions.

In separate ministerial talks, the two countries discussed cooperation in energy and mining, and measures to combat drug trafficking.

The two presidents shared the view that Opec members must stick firmly to agreements already reached, Mardiono said.

The five are scheduled to meet seven non-Opec producers in Vienna on April 23.

Venezuelan Energy Minister Arturo Hernandez Grisanti said after today's presidential meet-



ing that he would go on to Malaysia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

"I think all the countries have an interest to cooperate in the stabilisation of the market," he stated without elaboration.

Malaysia, Oman and Egypt are among the seven non-Opec producers scheduled to meet in Vienna, along with Mexico, China, Colombia and Angola.

Ginandjar said he did not feel cuts in Opec production quotas were necessary at present, though the situation could be reviewed after the non-Opec meeting and a full Opec session on April 25.

Meanwhile, Britain will reject any Opec request to cooperate with the organisation in curbing oil production to boost prices when the British and Saudi energy ministers meet today, an energy department spokesman said.

**Support**

Opex said last weekend it would hold talks in Vienna on April 23 with seven producers from outside the organisation — Egypt, Angola, Mexico, China, Malaysia, Colombia and Oman.

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Under Prime Minister Mar-

tin, he said Cecil Parkinson would tell Saudi Arabia's Hisham Nazer that the government will resist working with Opec.

"Obviously they will discuss it. Our position on production restraint is quite clear — we're not going to change it," the spokesman told Reuters.

**Development**

Opex president Rijwanu Luk-

## Fed tightens its grip on credit

# US expects dollar stability to continue

WASHINGTON — The US is confident that policy actions it took with West Germany and Japan last year will ensure a stable dollar in the months ahead, a Reagan administration official said, according to the Wall Street Journal.

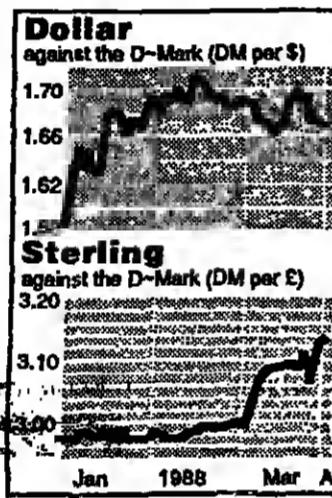
His assurances come as the Group of Seven leading industrial nations prepare to open meetings here on Wednesday. The group is expected to reaffirm its December agreement to stabilise the US currency and, above all, to display unity. But while other members share the US's determination to present a calm and unified front, some privately express fear that the US currency will come under pressure again.

The US official, who asked not to be named, said the group agrees that economic-policy and currency-market actions since last December generally stabilised the dollar.

### Actions

Most central banks of the seven nations — US, Japan, West Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — intervened in January and March to counter bouts of downward pressure on the dollar.

"All of the G-7 believe that the Dec. 22 agreement has been working very well," the US official said. Economic-policy actions taken by the US, West Germany and Japan will have



"more than simply a three-month effect" and will continue to stabilise the dollar in coming months, he said.

His remarks suggest that the three nations are unlikely to take further economic measures to hasten the reduction of world trade imbalances, especially during this US presidential election year.

As a result, the burden of ensuring the dollar's stability is likely to fall on currency intervention by central banks, which are beginning to tire from heavy dollar purchases to support the currency. "Nobody really expects the scale of 1987 (intervention) is likely to be repeated," a European central

banker said.

Despite professing confidence in the December accord, privately some G-7 officials fear the dollar may slide again unless Washington and Bonn take further action. By contrast, they acknowledge that strong domestic growth in Japan shows Tokyo is doing as much as it can.

"Intervention has to be accompanied by policy changes, and we're not going to get any US budget adjustment this year," the European central banker said. Another added: "Growth is weak in Germany and France, so the Europeans won't have much basis to press the US."

### Accord

Those concerns will be underlined in a presentation by the International Monetary Fund's managing director, Michel Camdessus.

His remarks are likely to reflect concern that progress in adjusting world trade imbalances will cease after next year, undermining the dollar. Camdessus is expected to say that without further policy changes by Washington and Bonn, the US current-account deficit — or the balance on trade in goods and services and unilateral transfers — will stop narrowing at about 2 per cent of gross national product in 1990.

That compares with its level now of roughly 3 per cent of GNP, or the total value of a nation's goods and services.

Under the Dec 22 accord, the seven nations agreed to cooperate to stabilise the dollar. The agreement was reached after the US, West Germany and Japan each took action that the accord said would speed the reduction of world-trade imbalances and achieve more balanced world growth.

In the US, the White House reached a two-year agreement with Congress to cut the budget deficit.

In Europe, West Germany led

a coordinated round of interest

rate cuts and also took modest

measures to increase investment.

While in Japan, the government agreed to sustain public-works spending to bolster domestic demand.

The US official said the US Federal Reserve Board tightened its grip on credit recently, an action that may have helped to reverse a fall in March of the dollar.

That action will be warmly welcomed by G-7 members, including Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson, who last month urged the Fed to tighten credit whenever the dollar is pressured.

But in the event of a steep fall, it's uncertain if the Fed would be willing to engineer a significant increase in rates in an election year.

## World Bank sets up new investor insurance agency

WASHINGTON, April 13, (Reuter): A World Bank agency designed to protect private investors from political risks in developing countries has been formally established after getting a final nod of approval from the United States and Britain.

Diogo De Gaspar, acting deputy secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), which gave technical assistance to the conference, said a committee would be formed to operate the new trade accord.

World Bank president Barber Conable announced yesterday that enough countries had ratified the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Miga) to allow its formation, and said a meeting would be held on June 8 to establish its bylaws.

Conable said he was hopeful that Miga, proposed for the first time two-and-a-half years ago, would begin insuring private investment sometime this year.

"Development demands investment," Conable told reporters, adding that direct private investment in developing countries had fallen to less than \$10 billion last year from \$16 billion in 1981.

### Hope

He expressed hope this would be reversed with the help of Miga, but said he could not quantify how great the improvement would be.

Bank officials stressed that Miga's reach would go far beyond economic risks associated with armed conflict and civil unrest in Third World countries.

They told reporters that the agency would also cover the loss of profits a foreign investor could suffer if denied the right to repatriate funds from investments abroad.

His search for control is entirely in character.

Early in his career, the 53-year-old De Benedetti left the board of Fiat Spa. He said it was too slow in adopting his ideas for change.

He went to Olivetti, took control and turned around the fortunes of the Italian office-automation giant.

The battle for Societe Generale has drawn companies from eight nations. They have entered the fray via a hedge-podge of coalitions.

France's Suez has a stake of 30 per cent of the shares.

Its main partner is Belgium's Groupe AG, which only has a share of 3.78 per cent. In all, the Groupe AG-Suez camp comprises a dozen or so Belgian, French, Luxembourg and Swiss firms.

garet Thatcher's free market-minded Conservative administration, Britain, like the United States, opposes any suggestion that it should place government curbs on output to dictate prices.

Opex accuses Britain, which produces about 2.5 million barrels of oil a day and is the biggest North Sea producer, of benefiting from prices which are kept up by the organisation's sacrifices.

Global oversupply is depressing prices below Opec's benchmark of \$18 a barrel target. Spot market quotes for North Sea oil, a barometer for world prices, are now around \$16.50.

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## WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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LONDON			LONDON		
(Alpha Stocks)			(Beta Stocks)		
INCHCAPE	693/0		BRAMMER	235/0	235/0
JAGUAR	286/0		HICKSN IN	167/0	168/0
LA BROKE	412/0		ROTORK	147/0	146/0
LAND SEC'S	551/0		RUBEROID	149/0	148/0
LAPORTE	365/0		RUGBY GRP	259/0	258/0
NAME LAST	345/0		SALVESEN	150/0	149/0
ABBEY LFE	268/0	LEGAL-GEN	NAME	OPEN	MIC-OAY
ADT LTD	117/0	LONRHO	110/0	41/0	41/0
ALD LYONS	389/0	MAGNET	110/0	110/0	110/0
AMSTRAD	161/0	MARKS+SP	110/0	110/0	110/0
ARGYL GP	205/0	MCKEE	110/0	110/0	110/0
ASDA GP	172/0	METAL BOX	110/0	110/0	110/0
BAA PP	14/0	ADHEST	318/0	318/0	318/0
BTR	255/0	MEPC	184/0	184/0	184/0
BAT IND'S	435/0	NIOLAND BK	155/0	157/0	157/0
BARCLAYS	420/0	NEXT	271/0	271/0	271/0
BASS	847/0	NTH FOODS	253/0	253/0	253/0
BEAVER	79/0	P & O DFD	600/0	600/0	600/0
BECHAMS	474/0	PEARS	435/0	435/0	435/0
BET ORD	230/0	PEARSON	688/0	688/0	688/0
BICC PLC	317/0	PILKINGTON	214/0	214/0	214/0
BLUE ARR	122/0	PLESSEY	152/0	152/0	152/0
BLUE CIR	452/0	PRUDENTIAL	805/0	805/0	805/0
BOC GP	390/0	RACAL	224/0	224/0	224/0
BOOTS CO	225/0	RANK HVIS	331/0	331/0	331/0
BPP IND'S	287/0	RANK ORG	712/0	712/0	712/0
BR COMM	293/0	RCKIT+CO	815/0	815/0	815/0
BR AIRWAY	168/0	REDLAND	423/0	423/0	423/0
BR AEROSP	415/0	REED	398/0	398/0	398/0
BR GAS RG	180/0	RYE BK SC	350/0	350/0	350/0
B.P.	276/0	RWE GRP	483/0	483/0	483/0
B.P. NEW	78/0	REUTERS	534/0	534/0	534/0
BR TELCOM	249/0	RT2 CORP.	375/0	375/0	375/0
BRITOL	512/0	ROLLS ROY	115/0	115/0	115/0
BUNZL	145/0	ROTHMAN B	406/0	406/0	406/0
BURNHOL M	533/0	ROUNTREE	630/0	630/0	630/0
BURTON	251/0	ROYAL INS	425/0	425/0	425/0
CABLE+WIR	335/0	SAATCHI	06.59	06.59	06.59
CABDURYS	277/0	SAINSBURY	243/0	243/0	243/0
COATS THY	258/0	SCOT+NEW	277/0	277/0	277/0
COMM UNI	343/0	SEARS	129/0	129/0	129/0
CONS GOLD	935/0	SEDEGWICK	215/0	215/0	215/0
COOKSONS	568/0	SELL	092/0	092/0	092/0
COURTAULD	34/0	BAYNES C.	32/4	33/0	33/0
DALGATE	273/0	SMITH+NEPH	125/0	125/0	125/0
DEE CP	178/0	SMITHS A	295/0	295/0	295/0
DIXONS	176/0	STC	241/0	241/0	241/0
ENG CHINA	400/0	STORENSE	253/0	253/0	253/0
ENTER OIL	367/0	SUN ALLIA	933/0	933/0	933/0
FERRANTI	77/4	TARMAC	248/0	248/0	248/0
FISONS	241/0	TATE+YLE	763/0	763/0	763/0
GEN ACCID	934/0	TESCO	160/0	160/0	160/0
GEN ELEC	150/0	THORN EMI	607/0	607/0	607/0
GLAXO	011/0	TRAF HSE	330/0	330/0	330/0
GRANADA	33/00	BLACKWOOD	104/0	104/0	104/0
GLOBE	138/0	BLK LE 2	184/0	184/0	184/0
GRAND MET	488/0	BR ARR'D	187/0	188/0	188/0
GUS A	077/0	ULTRAMAR	255/0	255/0	255/0
GUARD RYL	907/0	UNILEVER	470/0	470/0	470/0
GKN	306/0	UNIGATE	268/0	268/0	268/0
GUINNESS	302/0	UTD B1SC	264/0	264/0	264/0
HANNSR A	509/0	UTD HWSPR	438/0	438/0	438/0
HANSON	131/0	WELLCOME	477/0	477/0	477/0
HAKER SID	468/0	WHITEBD IN	305/0	305/0	305/0
HILLSDOWN	282/0	WILLIAMS	308/0	308/0	308/0
ICI	015/0	WILLIS FB	224/0	224/0	224/0
IMI	191/0	WILLOWTH	273/0	273/0	273/0

LONDON			NEW YORK		
(Alpha Stocks)			(Beta Stocks)		
BRAMMER	235/0	235/0	HICKSN IN	167/0	168/0
BRENT CHE	136/0	136/0	HIGGS HIL	330/0	326/0
BRENT HKR	364/0	365/0	HNRDSN GP	371/0	370/0
BRIDON	158/0	158/0	HNT SPHR	185/0	186/0
BRITANNIC	025/0	030/0	HOGG TST	230/0	235/0
BRITTON E	276/0	277/0	HOLLIS	110/0	110/0
BSC INT'L	105/0	106/0	HOLMES PR	130/0	129/0
BULNER HP	177/0	178/0	HONDE GP	119/0	119/0
BURGESS	233/0	234/0	HPUTH CRN	235/0	235/0
CALEDONIA	341/0	343/0	HRSS QNS	131/0	132/0
CALOR GRP	584/0	405/0	HTC GROUP	219/0	216/0
CAMB ELEC	225/0	226/0	IBSTOCK J	182/0	183/0
CAMB INST	44/0	44/0	ICE F2 FD	354/0	335/0
CANNING W	184/0	185/0	INDPNOT W	6/4	6/4
CARLTON C	750/0	748/0	INT. BLCM	120/0	121/0
CANNON ST	285/0	285/0	INT. C.I.T.	168/0	169/0
CAP GRP	298/0	297/0	INTL. PLT	52/0	53/0
CAP.RADIO	181/0	180/0	INV. CAP.	322/0	323/0
CARADON	297/0	295/0	INVERGORO	203/0	207/0
CARLCO IN	172/0	173/0	JNSH. MATH	273/0	272/0
CARLESS C	104/0	104/0	KALON GP	33/4	33/4
CARLTON C	750/0	748/0	KENYO BRK	409/0	410/0
CARSON	84/0	85/0	KETSON	68/0	68/0
CATER ALL	378/0	375/0	KETSON	82/0	83/0
CATER ALL	378/0	375/0	KLRT BEN	365/0	367/0
CENTL ITV	510/0	508/0	KLRT O'S	124/0	124/0
CNTRL. SEC	53/0	53/0	KMJK-SAVE	345/0	346/0
COALITE	297/0	296/0	KMJK-FIT	199/0	200/0
COATES BR	523/0	520/0	KOVO+GAS	168/0	165/0
COLLINS A	480/0	480/0	KOVO+GAS	149/0	149/0
COLLINS W	573/0	573/0	KOVO+GAS	150/0	150/0
COLOROLL	178/0	178/0	KOVO+GAS	151/0	151/0
COSTAIN	328/0	328/0	KOVO+GAS	152/0	152/0
COURTS A	179/0	180/0	KOVO+GAS	153/0	153/0
COURTS FR	258/0	258/0	KOVO+GAS	154/0	154/0
COWIE (T)	115/0	115/0	KOVO+GAS	155/0	155/0
CREST NIC	222/0	223/0	KOVO+GAS	156/0	156/0
CRH	119/0	118/0	KOVO+GAS	157/0	157/0
CROOA INT	190/0	190/0	KOVO+GAS	158/0	158/0
CROWTHER	176/0	178/0	KOVO+GAS	159/0	159/0
CRSENT J	152/0	152/0	KOVO+GAS	160/0	160/0
CRYSTALAT	154/0	154/0	KOVO+GAS	161/0	161/0
DARES EST	32/0	32/0	KOVO+GAS	162/0	162/0
DARL HLD	134/0	135/0	KOVO+GAS	163/0	163/0
DALE RUE	370/0	370/0	KOVO+GAS	164/0	164/0
DELA GRP	284/0	284/0	KOVO+GAS	165/0	165/0
DELTACO	211/0	213/0	KOVO+GAS	166/0	166/0
DIPLMA 4	267/0	273/0	KOVO+GAS	167/0	167/0
DIPLOMA 5	210/0	213/0	KOVO+GAS	168/0	168/0
DIPLOMA 6	200/0	201/0	KOVO+GAS	169/0	169/0
DIPLOMA 7	197/0	201/0	KOVO+GAS	170/0</	



## BUSINESS

Bright prospects for Bonn and other industrial countries

## Experts discuss world economy, dollar accord

WASHINGTON. April 13. (Reuters): Finance ministers and central bank governors from the leading industrial democracies were expected to reaffirm the current range for the dollar as they met today to discuss the world economy.

West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg said the Group of Five (G-5) and Group of Seven (G-7) nations were meeting in more positive circumstances than had appeared possible after the October stock market crash.

"For West Germany and other important industrial countries the prospects have brightened on the basis of first quarter data," he said.

G-5 comprises the United States, Japan, West Germany, Britain and France. G-7 adds Italy and Canada.

The officials are in Washington.

ton for this week's semi-annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

Bonn has revised its forecast for economic growth this year upwards to over two per cent because of recent good industrial data, Stoltenberg said.

The ministers and central bankers will consider the forecast for the world economy drawn up by the IMF staff, Stoltenberg said, adding he considered it an appropriate assessment.

**Commitment**

The IMF's economic outlook forecasts 2.6 per cent growth for G-7 countries in 1988, rising to 2.8 per cent in 1989, after 3.0 per cent in 1987, according to IMF officials. The outlook will be formally issued on Thursday.

The G-7 officials will also review the state of the foreign exchange market since the group

renewed its commitment to currency stability and economic policy coordination last December amid a slump in the dollar, Stoltenberg said.

The dollar was trading just below 1.69 marks and just over 126 yen today, after hitting a record low 1.56 marks and a post-war low 120 yen soon after the G-7 December statement.

Officials have ruled out new initiatives on exchange rates at this week's meetings, and currency dealers expect the G-7 merely to call for continued exchange rate stability, reaffirming present currency levels.

French Finance Minister Edouard Balladur said the December agreement had produced "good results ... and exchange rates have been stabilised."

But officials are well aware that economic data, especially

the US trade figures, are an important influence on exchange rates, as well as economic policy coordination, Stoltenberg said.

The major question is whether the US trade deficit will continue to narrow, he said.

**Chance**

"There is a very good chance that the trend of a falling (US) trade deficit will continue," Stoltenberg said, noting that US exports had been growing strongly this year.

US trade data for February are due to be issued on Thursday, with most market economists forecasting the deficit will narrow to around \$11.5 billion, after falling below \$13 billion, in December and January.

A stubborn US trade deficit would create pressure for a further fall in the dollar to make American exports more competitive. It would also add to

protectionist moves to curb US imports.

But Stoltenberg said negotiations between the US administration and Congress on a new trade bill were also positive.

"Expectations are better than a year ago that there will be legislation that is not tinged with protectionism," he said.

Stoltenberg said the United States was no longer putting pressure on West Germany to boost its economy further with tax or interest rate moves.

US criticism of West German monetary policy last September was one cause of the stock market crash, as financial markets feared an end to international cooperation.

But US officials have stressed their satisfaction with Bonn's policies before this meeting.

"Peace in our time," commented one German official.

## Sluggish growth rate seen in world economy

THE world economy during September 1986-August 1987 was characterised by sluggish growth rates in the world economy, increasing deficits in the United States, balance of trade in goods and services, increasing protectionism in international trade, volatile currency exchange rates and a reduction in the flow of financial resources from the industrialised market economies to the developing countries, according to IDB annual report.

According to October 1987 figures from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), growth rates in the world economy have been on the decline since 1984 when a growth of 4.5 per cent in world output was recorded.

In 1985 and 1986, the growth in output in the world economy was 3.3 and 3.2 per cent respectively.

The forecast of the IMF in October 1987 was that the world output in 1987 will grow by only 2.8 per cent.

**Trends**

For the industrial countries, growth trends have also been declining since 1984 when a real gross national product (GNP) growth rate of 5.0 per cent was recorded. This rate dropped to 3.1 per cent in 1985 and 2.7 per cent in 1986.

Real GNP growth in the industrial countries for 1987 was projected by the IMF in October 1987 at 2.4 per cent.

During the four year period from 1984 to 1987, real growth rates in the seven major industrial countries (United States, Japan, Federal Republic of Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy and Canada) were on a steady decline.

The relevant figures are 5.2 per cent in 1984, 3.2 per cent in 1985, 2.8 per cent in 1986 and according to IMF projections 2.5 per

cent in 1987.

Four factors were responsible for the sluggish rates of real growth in the world economy and in the major industrial countries.

The first was the restrictive monetary policies pursued in some of these countries as part of their on-going effort to hold inflation in check.

A second factor was that despite the drop in the price of oil, consumer demand in oil-importing developed countries in particular did not increase to the degree that was expected even though the fall in oil prices entailed the transfer of billions of dollars from the oil-exporting to the developed countries in particular.

**Resources**

This transfer of resources should have stimulated substantial growth in the developed countries. The third factor was that for various structural reasons, the depreciation of the US dollar did not stimulate an increase in demand for US products in countries with appreciating currencies to the extent necessary to compensate for the decline in imports to the US economy.

Lastly, the failure of the major industrial countries to coordinate their economic policies, especially in key areas such as interest rates, exchange rates and the expansion of international trade also had a negative impact on growth world output.

**Recovery**

Real gross domestic product (GDP) in developing countries grew by 4.1 per cent in 1984, a significant recovery from the very low growth rate of 1.6 per cent during the period 1981 to 1983.

There was a slowdown in this figure and growth in developing

TRENDS IN REAL GDP AT MARKET PRICES OF IDB MEMBER COUNTRIES (1984 - 1987) (annual changes in percent)

	1984	1985	1986	1987*
All Members	2.5	0.9	4.0	0.3
Oil Exporters <sup>1</sup>	1.6	-0.9	3.7	-2.0
Non-oil Exporters	4.1	3.8	4.3	3.4
Least Developed <sup>2</sup>	0.2	2.5	3.4	3.7

\* Projections

1. Includes Algeria, Indonesia, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates.
2. Includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Maldives, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Uganda, Yemen Arab Republic, People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, Mauritania and Senegal.

Source : Data provided by IMF.

countries amounted to 3.3 per cent in 1985 and 4.0 per cent in 1986.

The IMF estimated in October 1987 that in 1987 output in developing countries will grow by 3.3 per cent.

The Middle East region appears to have had the worst performance as compared with Africa and Asia.

Real GDP growth in the Middle East grew by 0.2 per cent in 1984, declined by 1.1 per cent in 1985 and grew by 1.2 per cent in 1986.

The IMF projected in October 1987 that output in this region will again fall by 1.5 per cent in 1988.

Real GDP growth rates in the Asia region were positive during this entire period, with growth rates registering 8.0 per cent in 1984, 6.4 per cent in 1985, 6.3 per cent in 1986 with a growth of 6.0

per cent in 1987 projected by the IMF.

Table demonstrates that real GDP growth rates for IDB member countries as a whole were on the low side. The performance of the "oil" exporting IDB member countries was particularly poor.

These countries had negative growth rates in two of the four years under review. This poor performance was due largely to the fall in oil prices. The "non-oil" exporting member countries performed marginally better during the period 1984-1987 while the performance of the IDB least developed member countries was far from satisfactory during this same period.

**Low**

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Nigeria boosts

prices of petroleum products

LAGOS. April 13. (Opeca): The prices of gasoline and other petroleum products have been increased in Nigeria.

Arat Adams, managing director of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) said in a letter to all oil marketing companies here at the weekend that the price of petrol (gasoline) will increase from 39.50 kobo to 42.00 kobo a litre while that of kerosene will increase from 10.50 kobo to 35.00 kobo per litre.

(One hundreds kobo equal one naira. One naira is the equivalent of about 25 cents US. One dollar fetches 4.29 naira at current rates).

Explaining the reasons for the increase, NNPC sources said here yesterday that the corporation now had to operate in a commercial manner following its recent reorganisation.

If the NNPC is to deliver petroleum products effectively and on time, it must be able to maintain its present facilities in technical working condition and replace assets in the future, the sources added.

KIA elects new office bearers

AT the annual general meeting of the Kuwait Insurance Association held at the offices of the Association yesterday, the following were elected as office bearers for 1988-89:

Dr Nour Zaid Al Kazemi, President; C.S.S. Khanpuri (Guardian R.E.) Chairman; Abdulla Buftas (Sumitomo) Deputy Chairman and P.N. Rangan (Royal) Honorary Secretary, P.K. Mankad (Oriental), V.K. Kapur (New India), Abdul M. Kinawi (Nat. of Egypt), Joseph Zaccour (Itihad Al Watani), Marwan Banayot (Northern) were selected as executive committee members and Sami M. Bihzadi (Libano Suisse) as honorary auditor.

Inflation set to reach 600pc this year

Brazil seeks IMF loan for economic reform

SAO PAULO. Brazil. April 13. (Reuters): The International Monetary Fund (IMF) argues that its poor reputation in the Third World is a result of governments agreeing to its tough economic measures only when the rot has truly set in.

The IMF says it is called on when the economy is a mess, and the fund has to take the blame for the unpalatable medicine needed to put things right.

Brazil in 1988 might offer a classic example of this phenomenon if it wins the IMF loan it is seeking, political analysts say.

**Image**

The IMF already has a poor public image in Brazil and analysts say this image could be reinforced if the fund now steps in with a loan and a recipe for economic reform.

That reinforcing of the image will be fostered by the government itself," said David Fleischer, head of the political science department of Brasilia University. "They will use the IMF as a scapegoat.

He said it was hard to imagine the government of President Jose Sarney having the political clout to implement IMF-sponsored reforms. Fleischer described the government as having "below-zero credibility."

In 1986-87 Sarney's government made it a central tenet of policy that it would have no deal with the IMF, which it portrayed as a heartless dispenser of recession.

**Crisis**

Now, when the economic crisis of the Third World's biggest debtor is worse than ever, the government is knocking at the IMF's door for money.

The country's crisis has not resulted in dramatic civil unrest — just a steady exodus of more than a million people who have emigrated since 1985 in search of a better life.

Brazil, so used to viewing itself as one of the great countries of the future, has taken a hard ps-

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 13.4.88		Agent	Tel. No.
2	Sammi Blonde	Alqutub	4747815
3	Arafat	KSA	4843150
4	Hui Yang	"Moh. Bahar	2433881
8	Filex	Al Sawan	4746018
9	Tug Abu Samir	Gulf Star	4845501
	Barge Maryam	Gulf Star	4845501
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT		Agent	Tel. No.
13/4	Corriedale Express	Gh. Qutub	4747815
13/4	Cosmobil Ace	Maraf	2465645
13/4	Gao Cheng	Gh. Qutub	4747815
SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT		Agent	Tel. No.
3	Uco-XVII	S. Shaheen	2432692
6	Ionian Express	Gh. Barber	4842988
12	Wave Crest	Rsm	2423642
SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT		Agent	Tel. No.
11/4	Torbay	KMMC	2419814
11/4	Dubai	UASC	4843150
13/4	Trade Freedom	Ma. Bahar	2433881
12/4	Xanadu	ISA	2441860
15/4	Grace Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437
16/4	Al Wajba	UASC	4843150
15/4	Addiriyah	UASC	4843150
18/4	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
18/4	Abu Basma	RSMS	2423642
19/4	Tokyo Bridge	Rashed	2422026
25/4	Ville du Havre</		



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## ACCOMMODATION

### For Rent

IN Jabiya, new villa, 2 floors, central AC, with line, Ground Floor has a large reception room, kitchen, bathroom, 1st Floor has 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and a reception. Tele: 5332425. 5313940, after 3 pm. (AT4-41813-3)

KEIFAN, Area 4, Muna Street, House 7, Mulhaq, 2 large bedrooms with bathroom and kitchen, new. Contact the above address or Tele: 4831178. (AT4-41822-3)

IN Mishref Area 3, Street 2, House 10, Mulhaq, two rooms, with kitchen and bathroom. Tele: Osama, 5388907. (AT4-41813-3)

FARWANIYA, behind Holiday Inn (opposite Kids 'R' Us) in a 2 bedroom flat for one bachelor to share with another bachelor, with 2 Goan bachelors. Tele: 2422038/7 ext. 43. (AT4-41872-2)

### Available

RUMAITHIYA, Street 100, House 25, Area 10. One room with water, electricity and kitchen facilities, preferably for Mangaloreans to share with an Indian family. Bus 24, 27, Cheap rent. Tele: Norbert, 4744188, 8 am - 12.30 pm, 3.30 - 7.30 pm. (AT4-41876-31)

SURRA, one room available with water and electricity for a couple or two working ladies to share with a small family KD50. Tele: 2520468. (AT4-41876-2)

FAHAHEEL, near water-filling station. One room in a three bedroom CAC flat, with telephone and kitchen facilities, water and electricity, for a small Indian family or 2 bachelors. Tele: Bagga, 3922106, after 4.30 pm. (AT4-41871-3)

IN Salmiya near Al Fooz Video, one furnished room with A/C water, electricity and telephone facilities, for one bachelor or working girl, Indian or Pakistani only. Tele: 5634802. (AT4-41829-3)

IN Salmiya, Amman Street, one room in a muhaq, with water and electricity, for a Christian bachelor to share with an Indian bachelor. Bus routes 19, 30, 24, 512, Rent KD35. Tele: Benjamin, 2450005, ext. 2147, 7 am - 1 pm, 4310824, after 5.30 pm. (AT4-41863-3)

## FOR SALE

### Electrical Appliances

WESTINGHOUSE washer-dryer combination, National vacuum cleaner, both under warranty and in excellent condition. KD160 and 40 respectively. Tele: Dr Elmarsi, 4839741. (AT4-41779-3)

### Miscellaneous

COLT Super Saloon, July '86 excellent condition. KD2.100. Toshiba T1100 laptop computer KD500 and many household items for sale. Very reasonable prices. Tele: 5317743. (AT4-41830-3)

PHOTOCOPIER UBX model 100, in working condition. Tele: Mr. Shaker, 2429187. (AT4-41866-6)

IN Salwa (behind Imani shop), House No. 198, Block No. 7, one big room with water, electricity and kitchen, for family/working lady/ bachelors to share with an Indian family. Bus routes 34, 102, Rent KD50. Tele: 5611243. (AT4-41861-3)

IN Salmiya, behind Mercedes showroom, for Indian bachelors. Bus routes 1S, 19, S19, 24, 30, Tele: 5749750, 10 am - 9.30 pm. (AT4-41851-3)

QURJUBA, 2 rooms with kitchen, toilet and separate entrance for families only. Rent KD 90. Tele: Mrs. Barretto, 2514331. (AT4-41861-3)

SALMIYA (near Sheri Lynn), one room for Indians only to share with a family. Bus routes 14, 109, 30, 1S, 24, 508. Rent KD 25. Tele: Rudolf Andrew D'Souza 2427202, 2427203, 8 am - 12 noon, (AT4-41868-2)

### Required

#### Central and/or window-type Airconditioning Mechanic

Salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Applicants must possess valid transferable residence. Kindly contact: Al-Dhidan Electrical Company, Tel: 2408677, 5615875, from 8 am - 12 noon and 4 - 8 pm.

(AT4-41861-3)

SHARP cash register ER-2908. Condition, like new. Tele: Mr. Shakeel, 2429187. (AT4-41815-3)

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## 92nd Boston marathon has Olympic flavour

BOSTON, Massachusetts, April 13. (UPI): While only one man will break the tape first and only one will wear the coveted laurel wreath, there will be close to a dozen winners in Monday's 92nd Boston marathon.

Boston is truly parading its international plumage this year, including the Olympic trials for Kenya and Tanzania — two of running's superpowers — and playing a critical role in the selection of Olympic squads for several other nations.

### Concerned

"There are people who will be running two races — they would like to win the Boston marathon, but they will be equally concerned with their countrymen," said 1976 winner Jack Fultz, who recruits elite athletes for the race.

"There will be races within the race. People are going to be watching only certain other people in the race, not the field at large. The dynamics are very unique."

The first prize of \$40,000 cash and a \$35,000 Mercedes-Benz will probably be gravy for the winner. A trip to Seoul and the Summer Olympics is on the line for many of the contenders.

Boston has attracted a fast and determined field that, given perfect conditions, could destroy the current world record of 2 hours, 7 minutes, 12 seconds.

There are a handful of men who have cracked the 2:09 barrier, another handful that have gone under 2:10 and a dozen others have run sub-2:12, the magic number that separates the elite from the second tier. There are 185 entrants who have run sub-2:20.

And then there are the unknowns, a young crop of East African runners who could follow the race into a frenzy. Several members of the 16-man Kenyan delegation have never before competed in the United States.

### Strategies

Speed may likely replace conventional tactical strategies. The better-known and proven runners cannot afford to hold back and hope an eager unknown will crash when he hits the infamous Newton Hills.

This is a race for the gold more than a race for the green. The dollars will be there again next year. The chance at a precious Olympic gold goes to Africa for another four years.

The inexperienced runners will do well with the leaders, and some will fail and drop out or fall back and really come in slow," said four-time Boston winner Bill Rodgers, now 40 and taking a shot at the Master's title. "It's a tricky course, and you really need the experience to do well. This field is so loaded, but you always get some unknowns. They are going to go after their compatriots."

Rodgers could again be among the top American finishers because many of the nation's best have bypassed Boston in favour of the US Olympic trials.

Pre-race favourites include Ethiopia's Abebe Mekonnen, who ran a career-best 2:08:33 at Tokyo in February while leading four runners under 2:09, and Juma Ikangaa of Tanzania, second to that Tokyo race in 2:08:42.

There's also Welshman Steve Jones, history's second-fastest marathoner with 2:07:13 best; two-time winner Geoff Smith of England; and Italians Gianni Poli, Gelindo Bordin and Orlando Pizzolato.

### Bypassed

Also running are Kenya's Ibrahim Hussein, winner of last fall's New York City marathon; Ahmed Saleh of Djibouti (2:08:09); and Morocco's Nechadi El Mostafa (2:10:09).

Last year's winner Toshihiko Seko has bypassed the race after receiving a berth on Japan's Olympic team, but countrymen Tomoyuki Taniguchi and Hideki Kita are returning.

### Clearing up

"I just hope that things are cleared up one way or the other, because it has hung over me," Budd said in an interview, published today. "I found it very difficult to concentrate on athletics because I have to consider all

MATTINGLY AND YANKEES DOUBLE THEIR PLEASURE IN AL

## Chris Sabo leads Reds past Giants

NEW YORK, April 13. (AP): When Cincinnati rookie Chris Sabo went into the game as a pinch-runner, everyone knew he was going to run. He did just that, scoring the Reds' winning run against the San Francisco Giants.

Sabo ran for Buddy Bell, who led off the ninth inning last night with a single off loser Scott Garrels, 0-1.

"When he went out there, I told him, 'if they give you third, don't be afraid to take it. You're on your own.' He's not shy," Cincinnati manager Peter Rose said.

### Struck out

Sabo stole second after Bo Diaz tried to sacrifice and struck out. Theo Sabo stole third.

"That pitcher looked pretty good, and it's a lot easier to score from third than from second," Sabo said.

After Dave Collins, pinch-hitting for winning pitcher Daney Jackson, 2-0, walked, Dave Larkin fled to right and Sabo easily beat Coady Maldonado's throw to the plate as Cincinnati beat San Francisco 4-3.

Elsewhere in the National League, it was the New York Mets 3, Montreal 0; Houston 8; Atlanta 3; St. Louis 7, the Chicago Cubs 5; San Diego 5; Los Angeles 3.

### Padres 5, Dodgers 3

John Kruk led St. Louis out of a season-long hitting slump with four hits and two RBIs as the Cardinals downed the Chicago Cubs. The Cardinals bad a season-high 18 hits against five Chicago pitchers.

Steve Lake had three hits, including solo home run, and Vince Coleman had three hits, an RBI and two stolen bases.

### Mets 3, Expos 0

Ron Darling pitched his first shutout since 1986, allowing just five hits, and Darryl Strawberry



New York's third baseman Mike Piazza dives to stop a hit by Toronto's Nelson Liriano, making the throw to first for the last out. (Reuter wirephoto)

was a terrible pitch. It was up in the strike zone. I shouldn't have even swung at it."

### Astros 8, Braves

Nolan Ryan survived a shaky start to pitch a three-hitter through seven innings and Houston handed Atlanta its seventh consecutive defeat. The Braves equalled their worst start in the 22 years the franchise has been in Atlanta. The 1980 club also lost seven straight.

### Cardinals 7, Cubs 5

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hit his fourth home run as the New York defeated Montreal in its home opener.

In the American League, Don Mattingly had had enough. Now, the Toronto Blue Jays have had enough of Mattingly.

Mattingly and the Yankees

doubled their pleasure last night, getting doubles in an 18-hit attack and routing the Blue Jays 12-3. Though Mattingly had just one of the doubles, he also had four singles in six at-bats.

### Drove

Mattingly had help. Dave Winfield drove in three runs and Bobby Meacham scored three times as New York rebounded from a 17-9 whipping by the Blue Jays on Monday. Meacham and Claudell Washington had two doubles apiece as the Yankees came within the AL record, held by the 1934 Tigers.

John Candelaria pitched a nine-hitter, striking out six and

### not walking anyone.

Elsewhere, the Orioles did for new manager Frank Robinson as they did for Cal Ripken, who was fired yesterday. They lost. Kansas City beat Baltimore 6-1, handing the Orioles their seventh straight defeat, a club record for slow starts.

Also, it was Detroit 4, Texas 1; Boston 3, Milwaukee 1; Minnesota 7, Cleveland 6; California 15, Chicago 6; and Seattle 6.

### Royals 6, Orioles 1

Robinson, who became the first black manager in the major leagues in 1977 at Cleveland and also managed in San Francisco, began his third tour in charge of a club. It wasn't an auspicious debut as the Orioles kept right on losing.

### Red Sox 3, Brewers 1

Bruce Hurst improved his Fenway Park record to 21-77 since the 1986 season, allowing four hits and striking out one in seven innings.

### Twins 7, Indians 6

It wasn't fun watching Cleveland Reliever Doug Jones. His first pitch of the year hit Dan Gladden with the bases loaded to force in the tying run, then he balked home the winning run in the eighth inning. Minnesota ended the Indians' six-game winning streak after trailing 6-2 through four innings.

### Angels 15, White Sox 6

In a game marred by six balks, tying the AL record set on Sunday by Milwaukee and New York, Devoe White hit a grand slam, Chili Davis scored four runs and Jack Howell had four hits, including a two-run homer.

### Mariners 6, Athletics 4

Home runs by Alvin Davis, Ken Phelps and Harold Reynolds fuelled Seattle's victory, tying the Mariners with Oakland and Kansas City atop the west. A crowd of 35,321 watched the Mariners win their ninth home opener in the club's 12-year history.

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### Goelz wins cycling classic

HUY, Belgium, April 13. (AP): West German Rolf Goelz broke away from a select group on the penultimate climb of the Fleche Wallonne to win the cycling classic ahead of Italy's Moreno Argentin and Dutchman Steven Rooks.

Third seed Tim Wilkinson of the US needed only 55 minutes to dispatch Brazilian doubles specialist Ricardo Acioley 6-1-6-0 in another first round match.

"Argentin" "fourth" seed Horacio de la Pena easily beat Portuguese Nuno Marques 6-2

7-5 while another American, Jim Courier, also advanced to the second round with a 7-6 6-4 win over Brazil's Roberto Jabali.

France's Charly Mottet came in next after weakening on the wall of Huy, 1 minute 12 seconds behind Goelz, but still beat Andreas Kappes for fourth place.



Graf: easy win

Chesnokov, who has improved his world ranking from 52nd to 17th this year, had to play almost two hours before disposing off qualifier Michelle Gironi, 7-5, 6-2. The first set took 1 hour, 23 minutes with seven deuces in the final game before Chesnokov won on his third set point.

"It was my first match on clay in almost eight months," Chesnokov said. "I didn't have enough confidence at first."

However, once he got going, he took just 34 minutes in the second set to rout Gironi, 6-2, displaying good accuracy with his two-handed backhand.

He has won one tournament and was runner-up in two others so far this year.

### Postponed

After yesterday's rain, the sun came out to complete the rest of the first round which was postponed until today.

Spain's Jordi Arrese defeated

Woodforde of Australia 7-5, 6-2. In matches between Frenchmen, Guy Forget, No. 8 seed, downed Thierry Champion, 6-3, 6-3, and Thierry Tulasne eliminated Tarik Benhahiles, 7-5 6-3.

Three other Frenchmen won. Jean-Philippe Fleuret won over Gustavo Garetto of Argentina, 6-3, 7-6, and Jerome Potier upset No. 4 seed Jim Arias of United States 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, in completion of suspended matches. Also, Henri Leconte, third-seeded, beat qualifier Diego Narciso of Italy, 7-5, 6-1.

In Rio De Janeiro, Peruvians Jaime Yzaga and Pablo Arraya became the first casualties of the \$75,000 Rio De Janeiro Men's Open tennis tournament yesterday.

Yzaga, seeded second, suffered a shock defeat to unheralded Brazilian Mauro Menezes 6-2 7-6, while Arraya was eliminated by Nigerian Tony Mimoh 6-3 6-4.



The director, doctors, employees and nursing staff at Kuwait Cancer Control Centre announce the sad demise of SOSAMMA VARGHESE and express their heartfelt condolences to her family and relatives.

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## Cavaliers down Hawks

NEW YORK, April 12. (AP): Ron Harper scored 25 points and Mark Price added 22 points and a career-high 14 assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their fourth consecutive game, 116-103 over the Atlanta Hawks last night.

Cleveland, winning for the seventh time in its last eight games, led by as many as 26 points in the third quarter. The Cavaliers dominated play from the outset, leading 33-22 at the end of the first quarter and 65-48 at

halftime.

In other National Basketball Association games, San Antonio beat Houston 127-119. Utah

defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 100-93, the Los Angeles Lakers edged Portland 109-103 and Dallas beat Sacramento 104-96.

The Hawks lost their third consecutive game following a seven-game winning streak. Dominique Wilkins scored 28 points for the Hawks, who fell 2-1/2 games behind first-place Detroit in the central division.

Spurs 127, Rockets 119

Frank Brzowski had a career-high 34 points and added 15 rebounds, and the San Antonio Spurs started the fourth quarter with a 18-2 run en route to a 127-119 victory over the Houston Rockets. Akeem Olajuwon got 26 points for Houston.

Jazz 100, Clippers 83

Karl Malone scored 39 points, including a dunk with 3:21 remaining that started a 10-0 Utah spurt, and the Jazz went on to defeat the Los Angeles Clippers 100-93. John Stockton had 16 points and 20 assists for the Jazz.

Lakers 109, Trail Blazers 103

Bryon Scott scored 25 points and Magic Johnson added 21 points, 11 rebounds and 13 assists as the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Portland Trail Blazers 109-103.

Mavericks 104, Kings 96

Rolando Blackman tied a season-high by scoring 32 points to lead the Dallas Mavericks to a 104-96 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

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## Davies and Jashanmal win on a count back



The winners had a net 28 on the back nine holes to edge Ali Alamudin and Faisal Ben Khadra who had 29. In third place Isha team of Malhotra and Gidwani who were in with 30.

In side competitions the longest drive for man went to Steven Wattars who had an enormous drive on the third hole. While the ladies longest drive went to Mrs. D. Brero. A.B. Jolly won nearest to the pin competition on the difficult par 3 second

## SPORTS

AL HILAL AND WAZZAN BOTH CONFIDENT

## Third round of Kuwait rally begins tomorrow

By Gail Seery

AHMED Al Hilal will be the first driver to leave the start at the SAS Hotel for tomorrow's local rally.

Despite having fallen back to fifth place in the National Championship table, the Rothmans driver is confident that he can make up some much needed points on this event. Second from the ramp will be a very confident Tareq Al Wazzan. "I will win this rally," he told Arab Times and fellow drivers at scrutineering at the KT Club yesterday afternoon.

Wazzan is driving his Marlboro backed Range Rover, and is partnered by Khaled Khalifa. He feels that the stages are especially suited to this type of vehicle, and despite some camshaft trouble earlier in the week is adamant that he can take a victory.

## Twisty

"The stages are very rough and very twisty. There are few places for high speed."

His Marlboro team-made Eid Falah, seeded sixth for this event, is equally confident, having installed a new, more powerful engine and a new gearbox in his Al Zayani Range Rover.

"It's a good rally for the Range Rover," he said, adding that he was confident that he and Wazzan would split first and second places between them, though



Khulood Al Alyan waits to complete formalities.



Tareq Al Wazzan is confident of a good result.

naturally he hoped that he would be able to take his first ever win in an event. "I'm worried for the standard cars," he said.

Mohammed Al Husseini makes his return in the Toyota Celica, and will be the third to leave SAS. However it was a very badly bruised and battered car that arrived at scrutineering.

## Lucky

Husseini who has become renowned for his aggressive driving technique, had a lucky escape in the international when he turned the car over, and his roll bar broke in the top front left hand corner.

Husseini was extremely lucky indeed to escape with no injury. He has been unable to repair the car fully, and told Arab Times that he was driving for as many

points as possible. He was unable to finish in either of the two local rallies last season, and desperately needs to catch up.

He said that he couldn't stop participating in rallies just because of an accident. "I like it too much," he said. "Other drivers don't drive if they don't have a sponsor, but I'm always there." Even so he concedes that to finish might be the best he can hope for in the rally.

Unfortunately championship leader Josef Miskulinig is unable to participate in this event, much to his own, and navigator Klaus Schwingenschloegl's disappointment. "Everything was ready for the car," the co-driver said.

Now he is partnering Peter Friesenegger in the unforgettable VW Beetle. This has now been repaired, and the pair are

confident that they will set good times. They are a little concerned about being caught by slower cars ahead.

"Overtaking will be impossible in the quarry," said Schwingenschloegl who is currently leading the Navigator's Championship in his own right.

The second placed contender for this year's championship is Faez Chihab. He is confident about his car, though a little disappointed that his wife, who has done a splendid job co-driving for him this season, will be unable to navigate for health reasons.

Chihab is a very experienced driver, and does not need to be told that even the minimum points will push him further and further ahead of his competitors.

He was Kuwait's first ever

national champion in 1978, and has added to his competing experience with years spent organising Kuwait's rallies.

Another husband and wife team is Tareq and Khulood Al Alyan, back in the Denim sponsored Rocky. A comfortable finish here will place him in an even better position in the points table.

Ahmed Al Zafiri, now driving the Daihatsu Charade seems a little bemused at finding himself in such a small car. However, it does seem to be a car that has brought good results for other drivers in the past, and it is to be hoped that it brings him luck.

A total of 29 drivers are expected to start the rally, although five drivers have still to complete scrutineering formalities.

The rally start will be at the

SAS hotel at 8:30 am, and the cars will move out to the Maqwa and Sulaibiya areas. The first car is due back at the SAS hotel at 4:30 pm.

## List of starters

1. Ahmad Alhilal / Fahed Alrashed, Toyota Corolla; 2. Tareq Alwazzan / Khalid Khalifa, Range Rover; 3. Mohammad Alhusseini / Ibrahim Almoosa, Toyota Celica; 4. Al Alberami / Mohammad Alzaid, Mitsubishi Lancer; 5. Ahmad Alzafiri / Masad Hanawi, Daihatsu Charade; 6. Eid Falah / Sadeq Alichanani, Range Rover; 7. Ahmad Almaseer / Badr Alzaidi, Mitsubishi Lancer; 8. Fayed Chihab / Nermis Higobian, Mitsubishi Lancer; 9. Tareq Alyan / Khalid Alyan, Daihatsu Rocky; 10. Noori Alhasawi / Ahmad Alshabani, Nissan Silvia; 11. Lester Featherstonehaugh / Michael Allen, Volvo 240; 12. Mumtaz Shah / Margaret Calow, Toyota Celica; 13. Michel Alen / Martin Philips, Volvo 240; 14. Sami Alhusseini / Jasem Alzafiri, Datsun 160Z; 15. Ibrahim Almoawad / Talal Alazar, Datsun 160Z; 16. Peter Freisinger / Klaus Schwingenschloegl, Fiat 127; 17. Khamis Alkhamsi / Abdulla Alrashed, Datsun 180; 18. Abdulla Alshuwai, Anwar Abu Jarwa, Mitsubishi Starion; 19. Mubarak Alomair / Adnan Alomair, Fiat Ritmo; 20. Younis Ali / Walid Alzafiri, Lada; 21. Andre Sorjani / Serik Sorjani, Toyota Corolla; 22. Khaled Alkhomari / Prince Vaisen, Suzuki Jeep; 23. Saeed Ali / Ohman Hamdar, Lada; 24. Hassan Alshamad / Azal Ahmad, Mitsubishi Galant; 25. Saad Alshamad / Ahmad Alredisi, Datsun 160Z; 26. Mohammad Jarrar / George Reed, Toyota Corolla; 27. Sami Almutteri / Mazah Deleini, Nissan Silvia; 28. Hasan Karby / Husein Karby, Fiat Racing; 29. Jamal Manfi / Adnan Marafi, Nissan Patrol.

## Khan and Devoy post Open squash victories

WEMBLEY, April 13. (AP): World champions Jansher Khan and Susan Devoy posted first-round victories today to begin the British Open squash tournament.

Khan, the men's singles favourite from Pakistan, needed 57 minutes to beat Philip Whirlock of Britain, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2.

Devoy, from New Zealand, took half that time to beat Majorie Burke of Ireland, 9-4, 9-1, 9-7. Devoy, aiming for her fifth consecutive British Open women's singles title, rallied from a 6-0 deficit in the third game.

In other matches, Bryan Beeson of Britain defeated Anders Wahlsledt of Sweden, 9-6, 9-0, 6-9, 9-7, while women's world junior champion Sarah Fitzgerald of Australia beat Babette Hoogendoorn of the Netherlands, 9-0, 9-1, 9-6.

## Results

Men:

Jansher Khan, Pakistan, def. Philip Whitlock, Britain, 9-3, 9-3, 9-2.

Stuart Hailstone, Britain, def. Ricky Hill, Australia, 9-3, 4-9, 6-

Karpov wins

BRUSSELS, April 13. (AP): Former world chess champion Anatoly Karpov of the Soviet Union beat Jonathan Speelman of Britain in the 10th round of the \$104,000 Swift World Cup chess tournament yesterday.

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